

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)
January 4, 2018
Pat McGrath boardroom, 11 Holland Ave**

A // In Attendance:

- Behiye Cinkilic (UNE)
- Marc Masson (UNE)
- Alan Craig (UTE)
- Grace Morgan (UHEW)
- Louise Belisle (UNDE)
- Jo-An Munday (UNDE)
- Sylvie Leblanc (UNE)
- Rafael Wugalter (UNE)
- Benoit Durand (UNE)
- Anne Kelly (UNE)
- Elizabeth Woods (Regional Coordinator - NCR-PSAC)

B // Absent:

- Rob Leo (UNE)
- Brigitte Coghill (NRU)
- Carla Ross (UNE)
- Denise Camus (CEIU)
- Fiona Simmins (UNE)
- Anna Bogdan (UNE)

C // Sending Regrets:

- Jay Castonguay (PSAC Rgn Rep)
- Michel Tondreau (GSU)
- Rick Lynn

Note: The one year mandate for the Executive's Positions is come up.
Upcoming Elections will be held on February 1st for the following positions:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary

1// Call to Order/ Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hr. and members and guest(s) introduced themselves.

2// Adoption of Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted:

- Motion : - Grace Morgan
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

3// Review and Adoption of Minutes from December's meeting

The minutes from the last meetings were reviewed and small grammatical additions were made. Motion to adopt with changes accepted:

- Motion : - Grace Morgan
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

4 // Communication (Facebook Account) : This item was added to the agenda by a request.

Back in early 2015, we discussed MDAC having a FB account. Discussions ensued about the pros and cons of having this venture and Alroy was invited to provide information and training on the initiative. MDAC looked for member(s) who would have liked to put the Facebook training in use by helping to produce our own page and/or administer our site, but unfortunately there were no volunteers. MDAC members again expressed interest in having a Facebook page. We will attempt this venture again by discussing with PSAC's Communication Committee the viability of the idea and seeing if Alroy would like to return for an encore presentation.

5// Working Together

As Joanne was not in attendance, the continuation of this session was postponed. The information sheeted distributed at the last meeting were re-distributed to the members who were not present at that meeting.

6// Matters arising from last meeting (s)

i/ Budget

Grace received an email from Claudine regarding the budget concerns: The \$30 registration fee was removed. The \$330 meal expenses were not for the month of August, but the payment was made in August for the months of May and June in the amount of 180\$ and 150\$, totaling \$330.

7// December 10, International Human Rights Day

Although the turn out for this event was smaller than other years, MDAC was well represented with 5 members present. Marc was the unofficial event photographer and Behiye had the honour of presenting two of the speakers. Larry Rousseau, former PSAC-NCR REVP and the current CLC REVP and Executive Director from PSAC Headquarters, Jennifer Howard, Human

Rights lawyer and Khalid Elgazzar were the panelist who spoke about the significance of solidarity in advancing human rights causes.

A special thank you was given to all our members who were able to volunteer their time to help with the logistics. It was suggested that for the following December 10th event, we set up a subcommittee to discuss ways of marketing the event to ensure that it draws the wide attention that it merits.

8// Review of the Terms of Reference for MDAC

Because the last update of our Terms of References was in April of 2008, it was decided that it should be reviewed again. For the most part, the information is still current, but points were raised on clarifying some of the language and removing some redundant points. Louise will be heading up a subcommittee with an email to be sent to the rest of our group, inviting members to a plenary session to vet the document and present some ideas/suggestions on what can be improved. There is concern that this work has to be done before the AGM meeting in mid-February, so it can be presented and officially voted on at convention. Clarification on this point will be sought.

9// Conclusion

- **Date of Next Meeting :** - February 1, 2018
- **Adjournment:** - 19:30 pm.
- **Minutes prepared and accepted :**

Marc Masson
Secretary

Behiye Cinkilic
MDAC Chair

Date

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