

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)
March 2, 2017
Pat McGrath boardroom, 11 Holland Ave**

A // In Attendance:

- Behiye Cinkilic (UNE)
- Marc Masson (UNE)
- Michel Tondreau (GSU)
- Grace Morgan (Health Canada)
- Brigitte Coghill (NRU)
- Denise Camus (CEIU)

B // Absent:

- Peter Hyduk (UNDE)

C // Sending Regrets:

- Jay Castonguay (PSAC Rgn Rep)
- Jo-An Munday (UNDE)
- Louise Belisle (UNDE)

D // Guests: Shelley Ann Morris (speaker cancelled due to illness)

1 // Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hrs.

2 // Adoption of Agenda

The meeting agenda was reviewed and accepted:

- Motion : - Michel Tondreau
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

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

Note: The minutes from the last meeting will be reviewed at the next meeting:

- Motion : - Michel Tondreau
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

4// Guest Speaker – Shelley Ann Morris – Advocacy for people with Disabilities – (Cancelled due to illness)

5//Matters arising from last meeting (s)

MDAC Website

<http://psac-ncr.com/our-organization/committees/members-with-disabilities-action>

Behiye stated that she spoke with Joanne on this issue and Alroy was already working on reformulating the text as discussed at our December 8, 2016 meeting . Joanne will provide us with the new wording at a later date.

December 10th Human Rights Event

The event has been moved to 2017. More information to follow.

MDAC's new Logo

With the acceptance of MDAC's new logo, we received a Binder Clips, Whistles and Lanyards sample with our new design. The swag looked sharp, colourfully and was fully enjoyed by the committee.

MDAC's new banner will be ready in May, in time for Convention.

Our 2,000 Promotional Cards will be arriving soon.

6// Upcoming Conferences attended by MDAC

MDAC will be present at the following conferences with RVAC and the Young Workers Committee.

i/ March 21 International Day of , Elimination of Racial Discrimination,

This event, is being held at the Good Companion Centre, is aimed to remind people of racial discrimination's negative consequences. It also encourages people to remember their obligation and determination to combat racial discrimination. MDAC will have a table present to discuss our mandate and distribute our fancy new swag. Members are requested spread the word about the event, as well as to attend.

A motion was made to donate up to \$200 for this event.

- Motion : - Michel Tondreau
- 2nd : - Marc Masson

ii/ 2017 PSAC NATIONAL EQUITY CONFERENCES, March 24 – 28

Being held in Toronto, Delegates will be eligible to participate in workshops, caucuses, elections and resolutions debates of any of the conferences. Although Grace will be attending on behalf of another committee, she will have no issue promoting our own group,

iii/ 2017 TRIENNIAL REGIONAL CONVENTION, May 5 - 7

Held at the Ottawa Convention Centre, it was noted that MDACs resolutions concerning chemical sensitivity and three other resolutions regarding the duty to accommodate and campaigning by PSAC to have health care professionals sensitize for their roles and responsibilities in filling out medical certificates, functional limitations and Workers Compensation Insurance Board forms have all been submitted to the REVP's office.

MDAC would like to have a table at the NCR Triennial Convention and Grace has expressed interest in attending on our behalf.

It was mentioned that although we are welcome to attend, PSAC will not pay for any of our member's expenses to attend or set up an MDAC table.

A motion was made that Grace will be able to attend the Convention on Friday and Saturday and MDAC will cover the expenses (loss of salary, meals, travel).

- Motion : - Michel Tondreau
- 2nd : - Grace Morgan

Behiye reminded the members that Joanne advised her that no salary loss could be covered by MDAC for Friday due to lack of funds, and another member who was also interested in participating in the Convention on Friday for manning the MDAC table was advised the same.

7// Treasure's Report

A quick report was presented to indicate that our finances seem to be in order. With our remaining fiscal year funds,

8// Round Table

Behiye requested one activity proposal from each member to present at our next meeting, one activity/ promotional MDAC idea for year end. Some ideas put forth were inviting some interesting disabled speakers, have a movie night with a disability theme ...etc . It was emphasised that the members would be participating in certain activities to promote MDAC and donating only funds would no longer be considered an acceptable activity. Michel, Marc indicated that they would be participating in the events organised or sponsored by MDAC.

Behiye also mentioned that she conveyed the concerns of some members to the Education Committee and there will be soon a presentation to be made by the Education Committee Representatives at an MDAC meeting.

9 // Conclusion

- **Date of Next Meeting :** - April 6, 2017
- **Adjournment:** - 20:00 pm.
- **Minutes prepared and accepted :**

Marc Masson
Secretary

Behiye Cinkilic
MDAC Chair

Date

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