

**Minutes of the Meeting of
Members with Disabilities Action Committee (MDAC)
March 5, 2015
Pat McGrath boardroom, 11 Holland Ave**

A // In Attendance:

- Rick Lynn (UNE)
- Behiye Cinkilic (UNE)
- Marc Masson (UNE)
- Peter Hyduk (UNDE)
- John Jedrasik (GSU)
- Michel Tondreau (GSU)
- Peggy Coupland (UNE)
- Denise Camus (CEIU)

- Jay Castonguay (PSAC Rgn Rep)

B // Absent:

- Christine Comtois (UNE)
- Brigitte Coghill (NRU)
- Lise Nault (UNDE)
- Jo-An Munday (UNDE)

C // Sending Regrets:

- Dianne Brown (UNE)

D // Guest:

- Alroy Fonseca NCR COMMUNICATIONS

1 // Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 17:30 hrs.

2 // Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda for meeting was reviewed and accepted:

- Motion : - Peter Hyduk
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

3 // Adoption of Minutes from February's meeting

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

- Motion : - Peter Hyduk
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

4// Matters arising from last meeting (s)

- **MDAC's Budget.**

As our new Treasurer, Peter presented our financial reports. Despite some small monetary amounts that he wanted to follow-up on, he concluded that our numbers are consistent and we have a healthy balance of \$5,151.

- **Threats to the Duty to Accommodate and Telework mandate**

Denise will present her findings in April.

- **MDAC Facebook page**

During our meeting, Alroy provided some excellent training on FaceBook and how it could benefit our committee.

Facebook is a popular free social networking website that allows registered users to create profiles, upload photos and video, send messages with friends, family and colleagues.

As our new Chair, Rick would like to use this social networking tool (along side our current website with PSAC) to promote MDAC. Any member who would like to put our recent training to good use by helping to produce our own FaceBook page and/or administer our site; is asked to volunteer their technical services.

- **Pat McGrath Boardroom Dedication**

After much anticipation, this event is finally a reality!!! PSAC has asked our committee to spread the word, help decorate the room and provide some musical entertainment – ***Peter ... make Pat proud ...let your guitar sing!!!***

... March 12, 2015 (5:30 pm) ... you have been cordially invited to the inauguration of the PSAC Ottawa Regional Office's new boardroom, which will be named the Pat McGrath Room in honor of our late friend, colleague, and member of the NCR Executive Committee, who passed away last year.

Our previous monetary gesture of: “\$300 for a December 3, 2014 Pat McGrath Boardroom Dedication” will instead be put towards a future worthy cause, since our original Motion was the December date:

- Motion : - Peter Hyduk
- 2nd : - Marc Masson
- Carried

5// Chair's Vision for MDAC

MDAC would like to warmly welcome our new elected Chair, Rick Lynn. He has years of union experience and has worked extensively with MDAC. As he begins his exciting new role and leads us into our next fiscal year, he shared his personal Grass Roots vision for our group.

For the MDAC Terms of Reference, he would like to explore changing the Chair position from having only 1 representative to 2. A presentation on this idea followed by a vote will be conducted at a future date.

Second, although he finds our meetings interesting and informative, at times they can be long winded. He would like to keep the discussions on track and reserve any side bar discussions for Round Table or for after the conclusion of the meetings.

Finally, a “shake up” of our meal menu is in order. At every meeting, the same dish has been repeatedly served; a little variety (which respects our member’s dietary restrictions) would greatly be appreciated. As a test run for this Grass Roots menu idea, Peter will visit the grocery store to purchase a cuisine of MDAC friendly food for our next meeting,

6// Jam Day

Every year, MDAC plays some role in JAM Day.

... a popular ... early August ... event to experience the rich culture of Jamaica’s trendy ‘Reggae’ music, folk dances, songs, stories, gastronomy, traditional games and much more.

Since Dianne Brown has very close ties to the Jamaican community, she would traditionally be our voluntary lead for the event. Unfortunately, her health has taken an unfortunate turn and she will not be able to participate in this year’s festival. Upon hearing this news, MDAC was deeply shocked and hurt that one of our members’ is in distress. We agreed to gladly take on her JAM Day role and to ensure that word of our commitment gets back to her hospital bed. We will explore costs, partnering with other union groups and creating pins to honor her passionate energy for the festival.

7// Conclusion

- **Date of Next Meeting :** - April 2, 2015
- **Adjournment:** - 19:30 pm.
- **Minutes prepared and accepted :**

Marc Masson
Secretary

Rick Lynn
MDAC Chair

Date

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