

**Minutes: Education Committee
June 20, 2017**

| Present | Regrets |
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| Chantal Fortin (Chair) USGE Diane Girouard (Alternate Chair) UHEW Anna Bogdan UNE Behiye Cinklic UNE Carla Ross UNE Anna-Marie Melanson UNE Grace Morgan UHEW Lee Palotta UTE Louise Sicard UHEW Ken Zarichansky UPCE / SEPC Elizabeth Woods (Staff) | |

1. Adoption of the agenda

Proposed: Anna Bogdan, Seconded: Grace Morgan

Agenda was adopted

2. Adoption of the minutes of the May 16, 2017, meeting

Proposed: Diane Girouard, Seconded: Louise Sicard

Minutes were adopted

3. Welcome to the new members and introductions

Committee members did a round table to introduce themselves

4. Fall 2017 Schedule

- Committee members proposed approximate date for the publication of the Fall 2017 schedule.
- Elizabeth Woods' comments:
 - Steward Forum has been postponed until Fall
 - Building Solidarity with Aboriginal Peoples – 16 participants have signed up
 - TUB & Grievance Handling – On the schedule and as a note, they are usually offered one month apart.

5. Education Program Updates

- The difficulties in recruiting for the French courses are still ongoing.
 - We had previously considered offering a French only union school; this will need to be re-examined upon the arrival of the new Regional Education Officer (REO).
- Workshop on Long-Term Disability Insurance Claims (Sun Life)
 - James Infantino (Disability and Pensions Officer with PSAC) is still progressively back to work.
 - Joanne Labine had previously said she would contact Programs Section of PSAC to examine the possibility of creating training on the disability application process. No update as of yet.
 - Anna Bogdan suggested we should offer online modules in simple terms, to stewards could refer to them, or even copy/paste to distribute to members.
- Union School is planned for the end of 2018. We are considering having it at the same location and following the same format as the previous union school in 2015. Having the event at the Chateau Montebello and offering 4 streams of advanced training – some streams would have simultaneous translation and other streams would be unilingual French or English
- Evening Training Modules - Several successful module packages which were used in the past were found and could be made available for future use. Elizabeth will send the list and see if any would be great offerings at a later date.

6. Varia

- When the new REO starts in the fall, we will need to revisit the following issues:
 - the electronic registration forms for PSAC-NRC education courses
 - the availability of education material in electronic format to meet accessibility needs and personal preferences.
- This is the last meeting until September 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.