

## **Quarterly Regional Report - Health and Safety Committee**

July and August found the committee members taking a well-deserved break over the summer months for a little rest and relaxation after a very busy winter & spring season.

The committee re-united again this September 20<sup>th</sup> with new hopes and challenges. Amongst one of the committee's ongoing priorities for this fall is to continue supporting Marc Béland who is working on a health & safety initiative to enhance our next collective agreement to be negotiated as of 2018. It has been proposed to add an article that will shift the responsibility to the employer to offer a supplement to our members while they wait for claims for workplace accidents to be processed by the various provincial entities. A Sub-Committee has been created and is looking at the issue in order to identify which mechanisms are more appropriate to transform this proposition into reality.

In addition, the committee continues to focus on its recruitment program initiative to attract H&S members from PSAC components and DCLs not currently represented on our committee. It is the Committee's goal to expand its membership to the point where the majority, if not all, of the components and DCLs, in the National Capital Region, are represented on our Regional H&S Committee. In the spirit of being pro-active, the Committee had an information table at the 2017 Triennial Convention held at the Ottawa Convention Centre from May 5th to 7th. We would like to thank the volunteers that stepped up to help us out. Only working together can we make a difference!

Your committee executive wants to thank all their members for their continued hard work and support over the last year and wish them all a happy return this fall.

Just a friendly reminder again to all that the Committee meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month, from September to June. We encourage all components and DCL's to come out to participate and join us. For the location of the meeting please refer to the PSAC regional website.

Imre Bene, Sylvie Leblanc and Robert Basque,  
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