

Workers' Compensation Board Retired Employees' Association

MINUTES

Directors' Meeting
Thursday, March 8, 2024

Present

Doug MacDonald, Gary Richardson, Debra Leisz, Sue Dean, Irene Nerada, Peter Goyert,
Ken Rushton

Absent

John Chinack

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes

The February 1, 2024 minutes were accepted as previously presented.

Doug advised that the approved minutes are now posted on the WCBREA website.

Financials

John provided an email advising that the current balance is \$2,161 and current membership is at 227 (two renewals and two new members).

Executive Turnover

An email was sent to active members asking them to consider participating on the executive and, if so, let us know prior to the AGM in April. There were no responses received.

Spring 2024 Lunch and Annual General Meeting

It was confirmed that the date of the AGM lunch and meeting will be April 16, 2024. Peter provided the options available for lunch and it was decided to opt for lasagna at \$18.00/person + GST. The deadline for providing the number to the catering staff is April 5. It was decided to price the lunch at \$21.00/person to cover the cost of gratuity and taxes.

Information will be posted on the website and sent to active members. Doug will include a financial statement, agenda and copy of the 2023 minutes.

Doug suggested that topics for discussion at the meeting could include the Canadian Dental Care Plan, a possible meeting with union executive, viability of the retirees association continuing and requesting new members to participate on the executive.

2024 Christmas Lunch

Alternate locations are being researched for the 2024 Christmas lunch. It was agreed that venue, price and location are the most important criteria. Further research will be done and brought to the next meeting.

Welcome Letter

It was determined there was no need to draft a custom one, as a system generated welcome letter is sent out when a new member registers.

2024 General Meeting

Available dates for September are 10, 16, 23 and 24. September 10 would be our first choice with September 24 as the alternate. Peter will contact HR to book.

Meeting with Union Executive

In response to an Association email requesting a meeting with Laura Snow to discuss retirees extended health benefits, the Association received a response from the Chair of the Negotiating Committee explaining why they couldn't become involved in that issue. The Association responded indicating it disagreed with the expressed opinion and reiterated its request for a meeting with Laura Snow. No response was received.

Miscellaneous

The possibility of holding the executive meetings at WorkSafeBC offices was suggested. HR was asked if this would be possible but have advised that there would be no space available.

NEW BUSINESS

Donations

There has been a suggestion that we accept donations and, if so, what impact could there be. Because the WCBREA is a non-profit donations could be accepted. A donation button could be activated on the website. But what would we use the money for? Suggested uses were to cover the cost of raffle prizes at the spring and fall meetings and Christmas lunch. Also could be used to defray the cost of the website.

No decision was made. This will be deferred to a future meeting.

Advertising

Advertising on the website is a possible revenue. Website tracking would need to be activated to have information to provide to potential advertisers. We would have to ensure that any advertising is appropriate to our audience.

No decision was made. This will be deferred to a future meeting.

Bursary

It was suggested that a bursary for students could be set up. This could be funded from any donations received. Deferred to a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for April 4, 2024 at 10:00 am at Irene Nerada's home.