



BCFED OH&S STANDING COMMITTEE Minutes

Date of meeting: April 5, 2022

To: Committee Members

From: Sheila Moir, Director, BCFED

Present: Paul Bergin, CEU; Matt Campbell, ILWU-GWU 333; Steve Campbell, ATU 1724; Sherry Earl, UFCW 1518; Lezlie Gorosh-Carey, BCFMWU; Nina Hansen, HSA; Linda Harding, PSAC 20008 GSU; Ed Kent, USW; Doug Kinna, BCGEU; Tom McKenna, CUPE BC; Karen McVeigh, HEU; Sheila Moir, BCFED; Paul Pelletreau, IAMAW 11; Karen Ranalletta, CUPE BC (Co-chair); Jennifer Savage, CUPW Squamish; Megan Scott, BCGEU; Gavin Slade-Kerr, BCTF; Monica Staff, FPSE; Lori Stewart, UBCP/ACTRA; Michael Wisla, HSA

Guests: Parveen Bhatti, Principal Investigator, Cancer Epidemiology & Prevention Scientific Director, BC Generations Project BC Cancer, University of British Columbia; Christopher McLeod, MA PhD, Associate Professor and Head Occupational and Environmental Health Division, Co-Director, Partnership for Work, Health and Safety, School of Population and Public Health UBC; Jennifer Lambert, BCFED Health & Safety Centre

Co-chair regrets: Coleen Jones, CUPW

Co-Chair Karen Ranalletta informed the committee that she will be leaving as co-chair due to responsibilities as president of CUPEBC. The committee thanked Karen for her 6 years leading the committee. Karen thanked the committee for all the important health and safety advocacy work that is done on behalf of workers. We wish Karen success in her new role.

- 1) Welcome and First Nations' Territory Acknowledgment
- 2) Zoom house keeping items
- 3) Any further items for agenda
- 4) Previous minutes

The minutes of the March 1, 2022, meeting were approved.

- 5) Minutes of silence for workers who have died on the job
- 6) PPCC update

The [BCFED statement on harassment](#) applies to all our events.

- Met on March 9, 2022
- Compensation policy reviews currently posted for public consultation: Suitable occupation for loss of earnings assessment
- Prevention services presentation on joint committees and worker involvement
- Asbestos program roll-out, ER certification and worker training
- Report on chronic pain working group pre-consultation with Maria Hudspith, ED Pain BC and Co-chair of the Federal Government Chronic Pain Task Force on March 31st
- Urging PRRD to move quickly on the combustible dust regulation, 10th anniversaries of the Babine and Lakeland Mill explosions
- Report on Violence regulation pre-consultation meeting from April 1st, BCFED Violence Prevention Review Working Group to report
- Sub committee reported difficult and disrespectful conversation in the pre-consultation with employer reps who were dismissive of workers' concerns. They do not recognize violence is a daily concern for many workers.
- Karen will take these concerns to the next officers' meeting.

7) Workers Deserve Better campaign next steps

- Website now live and video being filmed on April 6th
- Working on more injured worker stories
- Injured workers panel at BCFED Regional Conference, May 26, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. Panelists are Janet Patterson, Paul Petri, Kevin Love and Doreen Russell

8) Education opportunities

- April 6th webinar on Heat and Sun Exposure at work with:
 - Claudia Naroki, researcher at Madrid Instituto Sindical De Trabajo Ambiente y Salud
 - Cheryl Peters, CAREX Canada
 - Percy Chua, WCB
- Other educational/guest opportunities
- May meeting: WCB Prevention Services presentation on the new bullying and harassment strategy for 2022
- Discussion on next steps for committee work on joint OH&S committees

9) Review committee recommendations and resolutions

- Ongoing

10) Upcoming events for 2022

- Day of Mourning - Thursday, April 28, 10:30 am - 11:30 am; Jack Pool Plaza
 - Preliminary fatality stats for 2021:
 - 206 reported and 161 accepted claims
 - Traumatic - 61 (MVI - 15 / Other traumatic - 46)

- Disease - 95 (Asbestos - 51 / Other disease - 44)
- BCFED Regional Conference: Workers Front and Centre, May 26th evening and May 27th full day
- Injured Workers Day – June 1st
- BCFED Convention – November 21-25

11) Guest presentation

Presentation from Parveen Bhatti and Chris MacLeod on the one-year melatonin research project for night shift workers. BCFED will work with affiliates to send out information to recruit participants. Discussion followed.

12) Affiliate reports

BCGEU – BCGEU/CEU OHS conference will be held May 27-28. Will be joining the UNITHERE! Local 40 Hilton rally on one-year anniversary of lockout.

CEU - Paul Bergin has been elected at Vice President.

IAMAW - Successful arbitration on employer requiring workers to pay for rapid testing and to do on their own time.

13) Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at 1:00 pm, via ZOOM.

14) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.