

Minutes of the NCR Pride Committee  
Held  
September 18, 2006

The meeting was held at the Ottawa Regional Office's Lise Bélanger Boardroom and began at 5:20 pm.

Attendance: Donna Lackie, Co-chair  
Karoline K.  
Natasha C.  
François B.  
Daniel C.  
Bob Allen, Technical Advisor

Regrets: Ed Cashman, REVP Traveling on business

Agenda: There were five items on the agenda.

Business:

**1. Review of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

This was postponed to the next meeting.

**2. Men's Co-chair**

This position is vacant as the incumbent has not been active within the committee for some time. It was agreed to appoint François B. to the position of Male Co-chair. Elections for all positions will be held in January.

**3. Workers out Conference**

Karoline and Daniel gave a verbal report of the Conference held in Montreal this July. Over 2,000 participants attended what were essentially four separate conferences: Workers Out, Business Out, Human Rights and Sports. Thirty plus delegates came from the PSAC. Action plans were developed and should be available soon. Karoline will follow up on this and get a copy of the action plans relevant to the work of this committee. Perhaps these will help the Committee establish its own action plans for the next year or so.

**4. Open Letter to the Russian Ambassador re: Anti-Gay Actions in Moscow**

It was agreed to send the letter prepared by Sister Natasha to the Russian Ambassador on behalf of the entire Committee. A copy will be submitted to

Capital Extra in the hopes that it will get wider distribution. Copies will be sent to the E.O.C. and other PSAC entities as well as the International Gay and Lesbian Alliance. Karoline will provide contact info for the last named group.

## **5. NCR Budget – NCRC three year cycle**

Daniel put those in attendance on notice that the fiscal year is drawing to a close and there will be no carryover of unused funds to the following year. Discussion ensued as to how to spend the remaining amount of monies in the Committee's account. It was agreed that we would look at preparing ourselves for the upcoming PSAC Pride Conference to be held in Vancouver in 2007 and have some sort of handout which could raise the profile of our committee at the event. Any ideas should be shared so that we are prepared to make a decision at our next meeting. The idea is to do something this year with this year's money for an event being held next year.

## **6. Canadians for Equal Marriage**

M/S/C            Karoline K., Daniel C.

That the NCR Pride Committee contribute \$50 to the purchase of a ticket to a breakfast sponsored by Egal in Toronto. Jim Brown will be the Alliance member attending the event.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held October 12, 2006 to coordinate with the arrival in town of Pride Representatives on the Equal Opportunity Committee. Bob will try to book a downtown location.

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 pm.