

Education Committee Meeting Minutes January 15 , 2008

Present:

Ed Cashman
Mark Scott, USGE
Maria Fitzpatrick, USGE

John Murphy,
Staff:
Marie Mullaly

Regrets

Lorraine Cormier, Chair NHWU
Vicky-Lynn Smith, CRA
Pierre Lebel Reg. Rep/ staff
Bob Allen Reg. Rep/staff

Guests:

Bob Hatfield, CEP
Ken Clavette, ODLC

Item	Responsibility	Deadline
1. Welcome, Maria agreed to chair the meeting and takes notes. Two items were added to agenda under new business – agenda approved.		
2. Minutes of previous meeting – The minutes were moved by Mark and seconded by John		
3. Business Arising a) Discussion on the Brown Bag Lunch Series modules completed by Mark, Maria suggested they need to be more user friendly. Agreed they need to have handouts and syggested popular education techniques. b) AF Seminar – the go ahead date is Feb 14 - 16	Maria agreed to make the minor changes to the ergonomics sessions, Marie will make the changes to the Duty to Accommodate	2008-02-06
4. New Business a) Presentation by Bob Hatfield on CEPs Mentorship program. It was recommended that this presentation should also be given at the AF Seminar. The goal of this program is to develop activists. There are four steps – Union Education, Union Activity, Community Activity and Self-study b) Second presentation by Ken Clavette. Ken talked about inter union education. Certain programs wouldn't have enough participants to go ahead but with all unions through the	Marie to confirm	2008-01-31

<p>ODLC would be feasible. The ODLC is proposing 2 weekend schools per year.</p> <p>c) The ODLC are currently putting together a labour history museum and PSAC has agreed to send our History time-line to Ken.</p> <p>d) Education Plan evaluation could be done by a sub-committee</p> <p>e) e) No Show letter. Marie and Ed explained that he had received an email from the spouse of a “no-show” who was angry because her husband had received the letter following a situation where he had actually missed a weekend course because he had suffered a heart attack. The local president had expressed that she had also received a copy of the letter and registered displeasure with its contents. Marie expressed that sending the letter has actually had a positive effect as we are experiencing fewer no- shows on courses after members receive 1 or more letters. On this basis and considering that the letter accounts for illness and family emergency as being legitimate reasons for “no- shows” , the committee decided not to amend the letter, and to continue with its use. It was noted that the original email from the member’s spouse forbade us to contact the member in question . Marie and Ed to follow up.</p>		
<p>5. Meeting adjourned</p>	<p>Next meeting Feb 19, 2008</p>	