



PSAC BC BRUSH Committee

Virtual Zoom Meeting Thursday May 2, 2024 18:00

Chair: Tracy Arrowsmith

1. Roll call

Name	Component	Local #
Tracy Arrowsmith	UTE	
Karen Parent	CEIU	20921
Julie Kelly	CIU	20045
Terry Neal		
Barney Patrick		
Alan Otrrosina		
Kerri Ford		20937
Jack Robertson	UTE	20028
Priscilla Lam	UTE	20050
Bert Farwell	UTE	20220
Mike Besse		20219
Michell Sibson		
Colin		
Kristy Havard		
Robert Strang	PSAC BC office	

Julie Robertson	UTE	20028
Kaj Stirler		
Sharon Cowie	UTE	20027
Monique Bakker		479444

2. Territorial Acknowledgement – led by Tracy

3. Moment of Silence for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job

4. Accepting the Agenda

- motioned by Tracy

-1st by Barney

-2nd Kirstie and passed

5. Review Previous Minutes (November 28, 2023) – not available at this time, will be circulated by email for vote on at next meeting

6. Old Business

- **Guest Speakers** – Tracy will look for some guest speakers such as: Firefighters, Dental Hygienists, BC Fed Health and Safety

7. Treasurer Report (Jackie)

- Savings account - \$5.12
- Chequing - \$6118.59

We have \$1250 (we owed some monies) coming from PSAC once our bank balance drops. We also owe a little bit more to PSAC but cannot pay until we order new cheques **ACTION:** Tracy will look into getting the banking reestablished

8. National Day of Mourning

-PSAC sent out an email with events that were held

9. Membership engagement/Growing BRUSH

Lots of discssion regarding recruitment some ideas are as follows:

- QR code with information
- Swag for attendance to a meeting or perhaps if people answer a little quiz their names could be entered for a swag draw
- Email to Health and Safety reps with information regarding BRUSH stressing multiple government agencies so could place to network
- Put a blurb on monthly emails for people that have that – **ACTION:** looking for a volunteer to write the message

- Check to make sure our Health and Safety executives are listed with PSAC

10. Menstrual products in all washrooms – general discussion , some sites are missing supplies such as DFO, some cases where we rent buildings landlords are not keen on installing machines in bathroom or having supplies available

Encouraged all members to check bathrooms when they are doing monthly safety inspections to make sure there are supplies and disposal units – if supplies are lacking to bring back to next meeting

11. BC Fed Update (Tracy)

- Some of the items at the meeting included info updates on the following:
- Appropriate washroom facilities on site for all workers
- Regulations for different types of firefighters- right equipment for the right job
- Presumptive injuries and psychological injuries – having a wider scope of people that could be effected or do a case by case basis so you are eliminated for support based on your job title
- BC fed offers a workshop on heat exposure and how that impacts workers (goes over ensuring there is cool water to drink, cool down zones). There will be a tool rolling out on this
- ESDC for heat exposure - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1atD3LcApSZ3JBTgr5y5zwnKn-GFRp6E4...>

12. BRUSH Training

- BC fed offer courses that might be could for the committee – Tracy will look in to it

13. Regional Health & Safety Conference

- [Dates October 18/19/20 in the lower mainland](#)
- There will be an email for people interested on being on a steering committee (such as theme, swag, speakers etc) – watch your email

14. PSAC National Convention

- May 26-31/2024 in Ottawa – several members from the committee are attending and Tracy would like to see if they could all meet up for a visit

15: Round Table (by exception)

Mike asked how to add items to the agenda – email Tracey or Jackie with the item

Poll will be sent out for best date/times for the next meeting

Adjournment: 1935