

**Minutes of AWCBC Safety and Prevention Committee Teleconference  
March 5, 2014**

via Teleconference  
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<b>Attendees</b>	
Northwest Territories	Patrick McLaughlin (x)
Yukon	Bruce Milligan
British Columbia	Dale Walker
Alberta	Ross Nairne
	Phil Germain (x)
Saskatchewan	Andy Rauska
	Jamie Hall
Manitoba	Dwight Doell (x)
	Matt Wilson
Ontario	Brian Lewis (x)
	Derly Maxis
Quebec	Stuart McLean (Sponsor) (x)
Nova Scotia	Erin Flannery
New Brunswick	Anne-Lise Albert
Newfoundland and Labrador	Charles Coady (x)
Prince Edward Island	Bill Reid
CCOHS	Stevan Horvath
	Lorraine Davison (guest)
AWCBC	Cheryl Tucker (x)

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**1. REVIEW/ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

- Minutes from Dec 4, 2014 meeting adopted.

**2. REVIEW ACTION ITEMS**

a) GHS Training Site

- Link to go2meeting which gives access to presentation on WHMIS.org was sent to all participants.
- Lorraine Davison, Manager of Chemical Services at CCOHS, reviewed the slide deck.
- Highlights:
  - [www.WHMIS.org](http://www.WHMIS.org) site is bilingual and accessible to all mobile devices.
  - provides a national perspective, but also more specific information for each province.
  - The regulations are not ready yet, so there is a web page for each province, with direct links to each jurisdiction's WHMIS site; each province can then update.
  - 15 partners were involved in the creation of this portal including CCOHS, Health Canada and provincial OHS representatives.

- Info is also available for various audiences: employers, workers, suppliers, trainers etc...
  - A free e-learning course on new WHMIS is available through the site. 93,000 seats still available.
  - With the Act being 'official' as of February 2015, the hope is for traffic to increase on the site, increasing uptake of course.
- b) **GWL Mental Health Round Table**
- Steve has arranged with Cheryl for Great West Life to sponsor this round table session at the AWCBC Learning Symposium in September. The focus will be on operational issues.
  - GWL will also present at the Governance Summit in April (Charlottetown, PEI); focus for this group will be more on strategy.
- c) **Invitation for FIOSA/MIOSA Executive Director to attend May Meeting:** update on item #3 on today's agenda.
- d) **Invitation to Sean Tucker to attend May Meeting:** update on item #3 on today's agenda.

### **3. MAY 2015 MEETING AGENDA TOPICS**

#### **a) CEO Safety Charter**

- Lisa McGuire has agreed to present update the committee on BC's progress with the CEO Safety Charter.
- Sean Tucker, Professor at University of Saskatchewan, who has been working on Saskatchewan's Leadership Charter has also agreed to present. He has done extensive consultation on accountability and future framework.
- CCOHS along with FIOSA/MIOSA's executive director have scheduled an intra-provincial round table meeting on May 1 to talk about safety charters. All provinces have been invited.

**Action Item:** Along with invited guests, Steve will provide update on National CEO Safety Charter progress in each province at the May 2015 meeting.

#### **b) WCB Data Harmonization and Extension Initiative (Ross)**

- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) is offering to speak to this Committee on their WCB Data Harmonization and Extension Initiative. Basically, the western provinces injury and illness data is not comparable across jurisdictions. CAPP in partnership with ENFORM has undergone a review of the current methodologies and practices. They are suggesting that the WCBs collaborate and harmonize the data across jurisdictions. The overall goal is singular data standard with extended metrics for injury and illness prevention that will eventually enable targeted initiatives that link to specific improvements in performance.
- Standardized data would be especially useful for large multi-jurisdictional employers.
- More accurate statistics are needed to plan effective prevention activities.
- Matt noted that there is another AWCBC Committee that focuses on data. This might be a good opportunity to collaborate with other committees.

**Action Item:** Dale will reach out that the KSM Committee Chair to discuss possible collaboration.

#### **c) Combustible Dust**

- In response to the catastrophic sawmill explosions in 2012, WorkSafeBC implemented five phases of action.
- BC is also in the midst of creating a health and safety association for the wood products manufacturing sector; and are now starting to also turn their attention towards non-wood combustible dust.
- Dale will be presenting to Saskatchewan board at their annual Compensation Institute on how WorkSafeBC's journey to make sawmills safe for all workers.
- The Committee agreed that they would like to hear more about this journey the May meeting.
- Committee members also requested more information on:
  - how to get engage people and get buy-in
  - follow-up steps taken.

#### **d) Health and Safety Associations**

- BC is currently looking into increasing accountability from HSAs (data-driven and outcome focused). BC will be rolling out new accountability model to their HSAs soon. Manitoba recently completed consultation with stakeholders and is working on funding agreements with a focus on strategy; Saskatchewan is looking at HSA oversight, outcomes vs outputs.
- Erin noted that Nova Scotia has a different relationship with their HSAs. Their role is to bring the safety associations together, by providing a facility (where the associations can meet) and giving other support.
- The jurisdictions are very interested in creating environments where safety associations can come together from the different provinces to network at the sector level.

**Action Item:** CCOHS (Steve) will compile a spreadsheet listing the various HSAs that each province has and run it by Dale before the May meeting.

#### **e) Other Ideas:**

- Mental Health: Steve will ask Mary Ann Beynton, Exec Director of GWL Centre and Founder of Mindful Employers to speak to Prevention Committee on national standards; her organization implements mental health strategies in organizations; she brings valuable national perspective.
- Temporary Foreign Workers – delivering safety training to foreign workers.
- Slips/Trips and Falls – BC to give update on their work on falls from heights
- Motor Vehicle Fatalities and grey fleet – Ross to brief on research in Alberta.
- Promoting health and safety: Matt created a slide deck about promoting health and safety which he presented to his chair; he can also present to this Committee in May. Committee agreed.

**Action Item:** Matt will give Committee members some bullet points about promoting health and safety before May meeting.

#### **f) Jurisdictional Updates**

- Dale reminded the committee that each province should be prepared a 15-20 minute presentation on what they are doing in their province.

#### **4. MAY COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE**

- Dwight Doell will represent Manitoba as Jamie Hall is unavailable.
- Ross Nairne will participate via teleconference as Alberta has an out of province travel ban.

#### **5. MAY MEETING LOGISTICS**

- Matt Wilson will reserve a restaurant for dinner on May 26 for the committee.
- The King Edward Hotel is willing to provide a meeting room for free, but will charge for A/V equipment and teleconference phone.

**Action Item:** Matt will also look into availability of a room at WSIB for the all day meeting on May 26.

#### **6. ROUND TABLE**

Not enough time for this.

#### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am PST.

**Next Meeting:** May 2015 in Toronto.