

December 13, 2011
TEAM Board Meeting
President's Report

Misty Hughes-Newman
December 8, 2011

Motions

- The office is looking to develop Union Representatives in the workplace during 2012. Rather than hold a retreat for the Board, I propose we hold a retreat for Reps (which Board members, as Reps, are also invited to attend). A good time to hold the retreat would be in early May, after the end of the 2011 vacation year, and prior to the summer holidays. It would be open to members wishing to play an active role in the organization.

Motion: To hold a weekend retreat for TEAM Workplace Representatives on May 4th-6th for up to 20 members and four staff.

- Set the dates for the 2012 Board meetings.

Motion: To set the 2012 Board meeting dates as February 7th; March 20th; May 4th (prior to retreat start); June 26th; September 5th; October 30th; December 11th.

Canadian Council of Professionals

I attended the CCP meeting held in St. John on October 28th and 29th (minutes to follow).

Canadian Region IFPTE Meeting

Qwin De Brant, Bob Linsdell and I attended the Canadian Region IFPTE meeting at the WAPSO IFPTE Local 162 office on November 9th. Attending were representatives from Local 160, 161, 162, and 164, and Dee Gillies from the IFPTE.

We are creating a joint letterhead; this will be used, for example, when lobbying Government officials or making joint statements on issues that affect our members and Canadians.

Local 160 will be contacting the Union Savings program on behalf of the other Canadian locals; the goal is that all locals gain access to the benefits of the program.

We have directed the IFPTE to write the government in support of the protection of bargaining rights.

There was a discussion on the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and how it could lead to further privatization of Canadian public water systems.

Other Meetings & Events Attended

General membership meetings in Winnipeg
Foreign Investment discussion with Chris Pierce
TEAM Bursary Committee meeting
Communications Committee meeting
MTS business update with Kelvin Shepherd
Telephone Retirees Association of Manitoba Lunch

IFPTE Executive Council Meeting

I attended the IFPTE Executive Council meeting on November 17th & 18th in Las Vegas.

Retirements

On behalf of TEAM I attended Karen Carruther's retirement celebration and presented her with a TEAM retirement print.