



Annual General Meeting

Location: Westin Hotel, Halifax, Nova Scotia

Date/Time: March 22, 2006 1720 hrs

Attendance: Karen Butterworth (incoming president), Helen Mersereau (President), Clive MacGregor (Secretary/Membership), Deborah Smith, David Gibson, Jason McInnis, Marlene Grigg, Pamela Sears, Greg Johnstone, Robert Reid. *Regrets:* Milton Cooke (Treasurer).

Membership was 59 paid up members.

1.0 Meeting was called to order by President Helen Mersereau. Previous minutes were approved by membership. All attendees introduced themselves and were welcomed.

2.0 Old Business

2.1 Financial report was not available as Treasurer Mr. Milton Cooke could not attend.

2.2 Membership to March 22, 2006 was 59 paid up members. Twenty seven persons attended this technical session. President indicated she would try and get new directors from Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island and reinstitute monthly or at least quarterly director's telephone conference calls. Secretary indicated he would look in to the use of Skype for low cost/free internet telephony. The new service of warning e mail sent via the secretary when significant OH&S concerns arose was supported by all and the last one on failed P100 respirators from NIOSH was useful.

3.0 New business

3.1 Upcoming Telewebs seminars. Two had been held recently in Nova Scotia and were attended by approximately 10 persons each time at \$35/member. One was a AIHA distance learning seminar on ANSI Z10 the new OH&S Management System standard (Nov 15, 2005) and one was a CCOH webinar on Ergonomics seminar (February 28, 2006). Both were viewed by participants attending as useful and a value from the association. The general rule of thumb was to see if 6 or more persons were interested in the topic and then organize the seminar. Facilities in Nova Scotia were kindly provided free of charge by Pinchin LeBlanc. Though no specific Telewebs were scheduled for the future this depended on the offering from AIHA which varied and was only known up to two months ahead of time.

3.2 Membership. A new list with persons not paid for the last two years deleted would be sent to the webmaster once membership status was rechecked by the secretary.

4.0 Update Canadian Council of Occupational Hygiene (CCOH). Clive MacGregor, AIHA – APS representative in this organization gave an outline of how this was a pan-Canadian organization trying to promote the Canadian exchange of OH&S ideas and information and promote Canadian Occupational Health and Safety concerns. It was pointed out this organization did not compete with AIHA and was supported by

Atlantic Provinces Section

of the American Industrial Hygiene Association



both AIHA and CRBOH. The organization is now registered as a Non Profit Organization (NPO) and is seeking input on OH&S topics of Canadian interest. It now has a website at www.ccoh.ca

- 5.0 Report on CRBOH. Marlene Grigg Board Member for Atlantic Canada of CRBOH indicated that it was no longer necessary to apply for CRBOH maintenance points for each technical seminar held by AIHA APS as a letter had been sent to us saying this would now be accepted automatically by CRBOH. CRBOH is applying for one of the Canadian seats assigned by the International Labour Organization (ILO) and was looking for international certification of the ROH designation. There was some discussion on difficulty in getting United States recognition of ROH and cross border problems in OH&S recognitions.
- 6.0 Future workshops. Helen Mersereau requested ideas for the upcoming fall technical session, generally held in Moncton. Some suggestions were OH&S emergency response and preparedness for pandemics or hurricane events.
- 7.0 New business. There being no new business the meeting was adjourned.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clive MacGregor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Respectfully submitted Clive MacGregor, Secretary