

**THE ATLANTIC PROVINCES SECTION
OF THE AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of the Atlantic Provinces AIHA Meeting held January 22, 2010

Location: Hotel Beausejour, Moncton, New Brunswick

Time: 1500 hrs

Attendees: Beth Higgins (President)
Clive MacGregor (Treasurer/Membership)
Angela Randall
Roberto Sgrosso
Lee O'Blenis
Kim Gordon
Paul Arsenault
Dianne Jay-MacLeod
David Muise
Kari MacDonald
Greg Arsenault
Greg Johnstone
Thelma Green
Edwin Tai
Robert Nearing

Regrets: Jason McInnis (past President)
Karin Butterworth (Secretary)

- 1.0 **Call to order.** 15 members out of 64 were present and quorum requirements were met. Agenda was accepted and meeting was called to order by Beth Higgins (President Elect).
- 2.0 **Review of minutes** (minutes accepted, unanimous)
- 3.0 **AIHA APS Officers** (all accepted, unanimous)
Beth Higgins of PinchinLeBlanc was introduced as the new President.
No president elect was nominated or chosen, to be discussed by executive.
Karen Butterworth remains Secretary.
Clive MacGregor remains Treasurer/Membership.
Marlene Griggs remains Director Nova Scotia
Director Newfoundland and Labrador is vacant.
Deborah Smith remains Director New Brunswick.
Director Prince Edward Island is vacant.

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4.0 Financial Reports

No financial report was available but Mr MacGregor indicated that reserves of the section at January 14, 2010 (prior to reviews or expenses for current technical session) was \$9,982 in the bank,

5.0 CBROH Activities

Marlene Grigg (CBROH Director Atlantic Region) was not present and there was no report on activities of CBROH since last meeting.

6.0 Membership

Membership was 65 persons unchanged from 64 members in 2009 and up slightly from 61 in 2008 and down from 67 in 2007. AIHA APS was always in the 60 to 70 range for membership for the last five years. Membership statistics were similar to last year ~65% were from Nova Scotia, ~20% from New Brunswick, ~10% from Newfoundland and Labrador and 2% from Prince Edward Island

7.0 Canadian Council of Occupational Hygiene

Clive MacGregor (CCOH Director Atlantic Region) reported CCOH had submitted a letter to Prime Minister Harper asking for the governments support on the banning of the sale of asbestos by Canada to third world countries. This letter and interesting resource information can be found on CCOH website www.ccoh.ca .

8.0 Spring Technical Session

Spring session topics to be suggested by new President Elect.

9.0 New Business

AIHA-APS members were encouraged to suggest webinars from AIHA, ACGIH or other professional organizations for group attendance. These webinars help further learning for the members and provide maintenance points for professionals. The process is to send recommendations to Treasurer/Membership (clivemacgregor@ns.sympatico.ca) who will solicit members to see if six members are interested. If six members are interested then the webinar is put on at a cost of \$30/member or \$35/non-member and the organizer is reimbursed for webinar direct costs (generally around \$350) but not facility (generally a volunteered conference room) or printing (electronic pdf copies sent to attendees) or exam fees for maintenance points (generally extra \$25 US).

10.0 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted

Clive MacGregor, Treasure/Membership, for Secretary.