

Minutes of the OLRB Advisory Committee

May 31, 2012

Ontario Labour Relations Board

In attendance: Bernard Fishbein – Chair, OLRB
Eli Gedalof – Union, Committee Co-Chair
Joe Liberman – Employer, Committee Co-Chair [teleconference]
Kathleen Stokes – Employer [teleconference]
Patrick Moran – Employer
Mark Geiger – OBA Labour and Employment Section [teleconference]
Elizabeth Mitchell – Union
Craig Morrison – Union [teleconference]
Daryn Jeffries – Employer
Paula Turtle – Union [teleconference]
Catherine Gilbert – Deputy Registrar, OLRB
Bridget Lynett – Legal Director, Ministry of Labour
Leonard Marvy – Solicitor, OLRB

Absent: Ben Ratelband – Employer
Peter Gallus – Director/Registrar, OLRB

Bernard Fishbein chaired the meeting.

A. FOLLOW-UP FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Expansion of Current email project to emailing of decisions and notices of hearings to counsel for any file that has a counsel.

1. Catherine confirmed that the expansion of the email project was commencing on June 1. The announcement was in the April highlights and is now posted on the Board's website.

Protocols for Committee members

2. The Protocols have been accepted by the Board and are posted on the Board's homepage within "OLRB Advisory Committee".

B. NEW ISSUES

Articling Program

1. Len mentioned that letters were being sent to law firms for next year's articling program. The program will include five, eight-week time slots and there will be some additional involvement by the Vice-Chairs.

New OICS

2. Bernie announced three new Part-Time OIC appointments (Maurice Green, Robert Kitchen and Yasmeena Mohammed) and one new Full Time appointment (Matthew Wilson).

Scheduling of Continuation Dates

3. There was some discussion concerning the request to be able to schedule continuation dates during the course of a multi-day hearing, rather than having to do this on the last scheduled hearing date (the current practice). The Board explained its rationale for maintaining the current practice, although said it would consider this request further.

NEXT MEETING

Venue? **Thursday, October 25, 2012**

2013 MEETINGS

To be decided on October 25.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leonard Marvy