

Minutes of the OLRB Advisory Committee

**October 17, 2013
Ontario Labour Relations Board**

In attendance: Bernard Fishbein – Chair, OLRB
Brian McLean – Alternate Chair, OLRB
Patrick Moran – Employer
Lorne Richmond – Union
Laurie Kent – Union
Leonard Marvy – Solicitor, OLRB
Peter Gallus – Director/Registrar, OLRB

By Teleconference:

Craig Morrison – Union
Daryn Jeffries – Employer
Bridget Lynett – Legal Director, Ministry of Labour
Joe Liberman – Employer, Committee Co-Chair
Kathleen Stokes – Employer
Ben Ratelband – Employer
Melissa Kronick – Union

Bernard Fishbein chaired the meeting.

A. NEW ISSUES

General discussion on the efficacy of the meetings.

It was decided to hold two scheduled meeting per year. It was agreed that these meetings will begin at **2:00 p.m.** The Board will provide a reminder one month prior to the scheduled meeting (including its draft agenda items) and request from the members whether there are any additional items to be placed on the agenda. There is also the option of calling an ad hoc meeting, if it is deemed necessary.

2014 Scheduled Meetings

Thursday, **April 10, 2014: 2:00 pm**

Thursday, **October 16, 2014: 2:00 pm**

Open Period

Bernie mentioned that the Board is completing its assessment of the recent open period and that the Board intends to hold a “Town Hall” meeting with stakeholders (counsel and clients) in order to receive feedback on what went well and what can be improved.

E-filing

Peter mentioned that e-filing would begin in OHSa matters (both section 61 and 50) and that notice would go out to the community in the Board’s Highlights setting out when this would begin. There was also some discussion of the difficulties the field was experiencing with the forms from the e-filing project.

Committee Member Changes

Kathleen Stokes’ term is completed and she will be replaced by Paul Lalonde. Given Eli Gedalof’s appointment to the Board, Lorne Richmond will take his place as Co-Chair on an interim basis until a permanent Co-Chair for the union side is determined at the next CALL conference. Patrick Moran also announced his term is over and his replacement has not yet been chosen.

Miscellaneous

The qualifications of English/French translators and the possibility of using teleconferencing for pre-consultation conferences for JDs were raised. Bernie advised that the Board was assessing the usefulness of pre-consultation conferences, but in the interim any request for teleconferencing should be made on a case-by-case basis (as should any problems with translators).

Meeting adjourned around 6:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Leonard Marvy