

**Minutes of the OLRB Advisory Committee
February 10, 2016**

Ontario Labour Relations Board

In attendance: Bernard Fishbein - Chair, OLRB
Brian McLean - Alternate Chair, OLRB
Catherine Gilbert - Director/Registrar, OLRB
Ursula Boylan - Deputy Registrar, OLRB
Voy Stelmaszynski - Solicitor, OLRB

Keith Burkhardt - Employer
Laurie Kent - Union, Committee Co-Chair
Melissa Kronick - Union
Ben Ratelband – Employer
Steve Krashinsky – Union

Joe Liberman - Employer, Committee Co-Chair [teleconference]
Craig Morrison - Union [teleconference]
Gavin Leeb – Union [teleconference]
Inna Koldorf – OBA [teleconference]
Paul Lalonde – Employer [teleconference]

Bernard Fishbein chaired the meeting.

1. Change of Date

The October 12 meeting is moved to **Thursday, October 13** at 5pm at Sherrard Kuzz.

2. Reviving union requirement to file Confirmation of Posting

The Board will be reviving the direction to unions to file a Confirmation of Posting in certification applications. The Confirmation of Posting Form (A-124) will be amended accordingly as soon as practicable.

3. Union requests for extensions to file responses in DFR applications

Unions that require more time to file responses to s. 74 applications should write to the Board with such a request and provide reasons. Consent of the applicant will almost always result in such a request being expeditiously granted; but consent is not necessary when the union can show that the applicant is unresponsive or unreasonably uncooperative.

4. Filing lengthy responses by facsimile

The Board is increasing its bank of fax machines to improve its capacity to receive faxes. In addition, the Board will soon allow parties to fax relevant excerpts of required materials (for example, from a collective agreement: scope, description of bargaining unit, duration), to be followed by filing of the complete document by courier the next morning. Allowances may have to be made for remote parties. An information bulletin or practice note will be prepared.

5. Scheduling of Continuation Dates

The Board is cognizant of the issues raised by committee members, and is looking at various options. Changes, if any, will be instituted with notice to the community and will be introduced in the fall of 2016.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, May 18, 5pm at Sherrard Kuzz

Meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

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