

Guild Bulletin—August, 2009

Dear Members:

A quick update and fall meeting schedule notification for your information ...

AUDIT

I have consulted with our Lawyer as to exactly what I am at liberty to divulge regarding the results of our special audit. This audit is now complete and has shown there are some "irregularities".

A tribunal was held and found that "Person #1" in the Audit, committed an offence under Article 14.01 (n) of the National Bylaws and subsequently, the majority of the Disciplinary Committee decided to levy a penalty under Article 15.18 of the National Bylaws. One other Member has been noted and will be summoned before a Tribunal Committee.

There is a possibility that further Tribunal Committees will need to be convened and anyone that may be interested in participating on one of these Committee is asked to contact our office, either via e-mail— cmsgwb@cmsg.org or by regular mail, for consideration by the Executive Board.

BENEFITS

I will be stepping down as Trustee of the Benefit Plan. Mr. Peter Massy (Business Agent) is a Trustee and has far more experience at this than I. We will therefore need one other Member to come forward to fill this position. Anyone who is interested, please forward a brief resume to our office via email— cmsgwb@cmsg.org or by regular mail, for consideration by the Executive Board.

We went to arbitration with a group of eight Companies and a ruling was made that the premium was to be cut to \$900.00 from \$1,038.00. If all of the Companies that were not involved in the arbitration agree with this decision, there will need to be some changes made. We have asked Coughlin's to come up with three or four choices and to poll all affected Members for your opinion to assist the Trustees in their decision as to which direction to go. Your attention and cooperation in this process will be very much

appreciated. You will be kept informed of further developments.

MEETINGS

I have been advised by the National Office that there is only one “Annual General Meeting” (AGM) each year and it is to follow the meeting of the Branch Executive Board and is usually held at the Inn at the Quay in New Westminster. Issues such as the disclosure of the special audit we recently had done are only provided at these official General meetings. Any Guild Member in good-standing may attend the AGM as well as any Membership meeting.

We will of course continue to hold formal Membership meetings in Nanaimo and Victoria for those of you who are not able to attend the General Meeting on the mainland. We have also changed our schedule to allow for more time in Nanaimo so that we are not rushing to Victoria while there are still questions to be answered.

Nanaimo Membership Meeting

Date: Monday September 28, 2009
Time: 1:00 to 5:00pm
Location: Coast Bastion Inn
11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, BC

Victoria Membership Meeting

Date: Tuesday September 29, 2009
Time: 5:00 to 9:00pm
Location: Harbour Towers Hotel and Suites
345 Quebec Street, Victoria BC

Vancouver Membership Meeting

Date: Friday October 2, 2009
Time: 1:00 to 5:00pm
Location: Inn at the Quay
900 Quayside Drive, New Westminster, BC

Yours truly,



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Secretary Treasurer
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