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IWAC MEETING		
March 15, 2024	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Four Points - Moncton
Meeting called by	Jarrod Yeo	
Type of meeting	IWAC meeting	
Note taker	Stella Taillefer	
Attendees	Jarrod Yeo, Stella Taillefer, Azarie Ross, Pam Baker, Paula Garant, Absent: Leica Gahan, Norma Doucette	
Agenda Topic 1		
Benefits update	Jarrod	
Discussion	The committee discussed the recommendation for benefit improvement, which involves increasing the benefit from 85% to 90%, aligning New Brunswick with the rest of the country.	
Action	Jarrod will discuss individual action plans offline with Paula and Pam.	
Agenda Topic 2		
Workers' Rehabilitation Centre		
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Workers' Rehabilitation Centre (WRC) has officially been sold to the province. However, there is currently no information available regarding the province's plans for the building. • Injured workers will be able to receive client care closer to home. • Savings from the building closure will be reinvested in health and safety initiatives. 	
Action	N/A	
Agenda Topic 3		
Presumption clause, PTSD for Correctional Officers (COs) - Update		
Discussion	PTSD presumption clause for COs survey responses were positive. Recommendations and IWAC recommendations will be advancing to government. The results posted on our website will be shared with committee members.	
Action	Jarrod to provide committee members with the results once available.	
Agenda Topic 4		
Consultation - Firefighter cancers		

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Discussion	The consultation for merging the <i>Firefighter Compensation Act</i> with the <i>Workers' Compensation Act</i> is scheduled to take place at the end of the month. The goal of this consultation is to align New Brunswick with the rest of the country.
Action	N/A
Agenda Topic 5	
Policy reviews / Engagement platform	Jarrold
Discussion	<i>WHSCC Act</i> is undergoing a staff review. A consultation reviewing the act will be released to the public in the new year.
Conclusion	Jarrold will provide updates as they become available and share with the committee once the consultation is live. Opportunity to provide position paper to the board.
Agenda Topic 6	
Year-end planning-report to the Board of Directors-2023 results / Committee Photo	
Discussion	<p>A report will be sent to the Board of Directors with summary of the 2023 activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formalized Terms of Reference • WRC /Care model position paper • Benefits and entitlements • PTSD consultation feedback (position paper) • Strat plan consultation feedback (position paper) <p>The committee, which was initially formed without formal terms of reference, has now developed a formal ToR. Jarrold advised that recruitment for new members will begin.</p> <p>Potential goals for 2024 include expanding coverage for more workers, focusing on prevention, engaging in legislative consultations, and pursuing other initiatives.</p>
ACTION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jarrold will forward a submission of interest to the members. • Add IWAC to the next E-News.
Agenda Topic 7	
Next IWAC meeting	Potential date – June 21 in Woodstock