



National Secretariat on Hate and Racism in Canada
(NSHRC)
Meeting of October 29, 2004

AGENDA

1. Review October 14 Minutes
2. Finalize Brochure
3. Action Plan for CBA resolution on Aboriginal appointments to the Supreme Court (S.C.C.)
4. Set up Communications Team Meeting
5. Review Quarterly Report to Funder
6. Setting up agenda items for future meeting(s)
7. Others business

PRESENT

- + Charles C. Smith, Charles C. Smith Consulting
- + Liz Panighel, Student Commission of Canada (SCC)
- + Dianne Corbiere, Indigenous Bar Association (IBA)
- + Ahmad Ktaech, Canadian Arab Federation (CAF)
- + Avvy Go, National Anti-Racism Council of Canada

REGRETS

- + Margaret Parsons, African Canadian Legal Clinic
- + Michael Kerr, National Anti-Racism Council of Canada
- + Soni Dasmohapatra, Council of Agencies Serving South Asians
- + Karen Mock, Canadian Race Relations Foundation
- + Mannie Dick, Canadian Ethnocultural Council
- + Victor Wong, Chinese Canadian National Council/National



1) **Review Minutes of October 14 Meeting:**

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted with the following amendments:

- a) Comments in quotations should be changed to bullet points to capture the essence of the concern expressed
- b) The Student Commission should be added to #1 Advocacy, re., issues concerning Poverty and Criminal Justice

In addition to these changes, members were asked to review their contribution to the environmental scan to ensure it is accurate.

Action Required: Charles will make revisions to the minutes and send out to members to review their contribution to the Environmental Scan

2) **Finalizing Brochure:**

Minor changes were made to the brochure.

Action Required: Charles will make the changes and then work with Jinny Thibodeau to prepare for dissemination.

3) **Action Plan on CBA Resolution:**

The following suggestions for the action plan discussed at the October 14 meeting were reviewed. These plans called for::

- ✦ Letter campaign to CBA/Provincial branches, Federal Government, Justice Minister Cotler, Federal M.P.s and Provincial attorney generals
- ✦ Attendance at IBA/CBA Seminar on this issue
- ✦ Lawyers speak at CBA Annual meeting to support resolution
- ✦ Add in national newspapers

It was agreed that the IBA will take the lead on this issue and the NSHRC will support. It was also suggested that the CBA should not be the sole focus of this strategy since the CBA does not make a decision on this. Rather, the focus should be on the Minister of Justice and the Federal government. As well, it should discuss appointments to provincial appellate courts and focus on provincial attorneys-general.

Liz informed members that she received information from Diane that was then circulated to the Student Commission board



In terms of coordination and timing, it was agreed that:

- ✦ A one page document will be developed to explain and educate on the issue
- ✦ An action plan will be developed to guide the NSHRC, its organizational members and the organizations belonging to these. For example, NARCC is made up of over 30 organizations. Given this, NARCC would take action and encourage its members to do so as well.
- ✦ Members should set aside March 6 as a meeting date to coincide with the proposed seminar. Effort will be made to have the funder attend this meeting to review the NSHRC's progress.

Action Required: Diane and Charles will develop the one page document and an action strategy. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting

4) Communications:

At the October 14 meeting it was agreed that NARC, CRRF and the NSHRC will meet to workout a communications strategy for the NSHRC. Soni had put forward a proposal on youth involvement for this group to discuss and bring forward

Action Required: Charles will coordinate this meeting in advance of the November NSHRC meeting.

5) Review Quarterly Report to Funder:

The second quarterly report was shared with members for information purposes.

6. Priority issues and Future Agenda Items:

The following priority issues were discussed at the October 14 meeting:

- ✦ One day dialogue to create open dialogue with Aboriginal leadership. It was suggested that this could be done as part of the March seminar noted above.
- ✦ Members seek input on issues of concern to them and their members. Soni has already raised an issue seeking member input.
- ✦ April 17th, 2005 20th Anniversary of the section 15 of the Charter: ACLC and NARC are doing special events on it.

Members discussed other issues and agreed that at the next meeting the following items will be on the agenda:



- 1) The appointment of Aboriginal judges to the Supreme Court and Provincial Appellate Courts
- 2) Racial Profiling
- 3) Communications Strategy

Action Required: Charles will prepare materials with Dianne related to #1 and will also prepare material for #2. Charles will also contact Soni to see if she wishes to place an item on the agenda.

✚ *The next meeting will be held on Friday, November 26, 1- 2:30 p.m.*

✚ *The teleconference # is*

- *From Toronto:* (416) 343-2651
- *Toll Free:* 1-866-440-8926
- *Conference ID: .* 6055451

