
At its meeting on January 31st and February 1st the Workers' Compensation Board of Directors:

- Received a report from the Chair of the Compensation Committee on discussions at the January 28th meeting of the Committee;
- Discussed a number of governance related items including results of the 2012 Board of Directors survey, a review of Board members' term schedules and development needs for Board members in 2013;
- Approved the final draft of the *Workplace Safety Strategy for Nova Scotians 2013-2017*;
- Discussed the principles and priorities for development of a legislative change agenda;
- Discussed the current objectives, structure and roles within the Workplace Safety and Insurance System (WSIS);
- Received an annual summary of feedback trends including quantitative measures of public opinion and confidence regarding the WCB;
- Received an update on the status of the 2013 Workplace Safety and Insurance System annual general meeting scheduled on May 14th;
- Received the year-end WCB Occupational Health and Safety Report;
- Received an update on the status of collective bargaining between Local 55 NSGEU and WCBNS;
- Received an update on recent meetings of the OH&S Advisory Council;
- Initiated stage 2 of the policy development consultation process for the compensability of stress;
- Discussed an issues brief on noise induced hearing loss and agreed to proceed with program policy development on Policy 1.2.5AR;
- Provided input on draft text for the 2012 Annual Report;
- Received reports from the Chair and the CEO on activities and developments since the previous Board meeting.

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