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IWAC MEETING		
June 21, 2024	9 a.m. - 12 noon	Best Western- Woodstock NB
Meeting called by	Jarrod Yeo	
Type of meeting	IWAC meeting	
Note taker	Norma Doucette	
Attendees	Jarrod Yeo, Norma, Azarie Ross, Pam Baker, Paula Garant, Leica Gahan. Pauline Diotte joined us on MS teams.	
Agenda Topic 1		
Safety share	Jarrod	
Discussion	<p>Safety share for the summer</p> <p>When traveling anytime of the year make sure your vehicle has enough fuel to get you to your destination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry plenty of water. • Cell phone is fully charged. • Bring comfortable shoes just in case you break down and must walk for help. • Hat, sunblock to protect from the sun. • Find shade to cool down. 	
Action	If you feel dizziness, lightheaded, headache, fatigue, nausea, vomiting, and muscle cramps find shade or a cool room and drink water.	
Agenda Topic 2		
Benefit Improvement	Jarrod	
Discussion	Benefits will increase from 85% to 90% which will begin the first of July. Max annual earning will increase to \$82,000 in 2025.	
Action	N/A	
Agenda Topic 3		
Celebrating a win for NB	Jarrod	
Discussion	Bill 45 was shared on social media by Government officials, health care professionals and individuals.	
Action	The IWAC committee can help spread the word by following us on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn.	
July E-News	Jarrod	

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Discussion	Paula will be profiled in our July E-News to promote benefit improvements and the work that remains to be done. Paula's letter will also be posted on the IWAC webpage and shared on social media.
Action	Jarrold to follow up with Paula.
Agenda Topic 4	
More work to be done	Jarrold
Discussion	<p>More work must be done such as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocating better benefits for surviving dependents. • Delayed until the fall sitting in the legislature. • We'll continue advocating for improved benefits for all clients.
Action	Jarrold to connect with Pam to discuss additional benefit improvements and amendments to the Act.
Agenda Topic 5	
2023 Annual Report	Jarrold
Discussion	<p>Here are a few highlights from 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lowest injury frequency. • Funding level is at 156.1%. • Lowest assessment in Atlantic Canada- \$1.18 • Benefit improvements – 90% lost of earnings/max annual earnings \$82,100. • Claim decrease
ACTION	N/A
Agenda Topic 6	
IWAC Annual Report	Jarrold
Discussion	<p>The highlights in our 2023 annual report are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WRC position paper- IWAC alternative approaches that prioritize Client care close to home. • Consultation on PTSD- IWAC submitted a strong recommendation to expand the PTSD presumption clause to include Correctional officers, nurses, and other high-risk professions. • Input into strategic planning process- IWAC provided valuable input into the review of WorkSafeNB's current strategic plan and recommendation for the next plan. • Formalized terms of reference- IWAC engaged in a thorough review of its terms of reference, focusing on defining the total number of committee positions and ensuring balanced representation across regions and languages. • Benefit advocacy efforts – In pursuit of fair compensation and support for injured workers and their dependents, the IWAC

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	<p>dedicated significant efforts to lobbying for legislative changes aimed at enhancing benefits and entitlements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A helpful tool for recruitment – By IWAC amplifying their voices and advocating for legislative change, we strive to create a more just and compassionate workers' compensation system that upholds the principles of fairness and dignity for all.
Action	Share and promote report within your networks.
Agenda Topic 7	
Firefighter's consultation	Jarrold
Discussion	Consultation aims to gather feedback on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merge FC Act with the WC Act.• To better align cancer coverage.
Action	
Agenda Topic 8	
Goodbyes	Azarie Ross and Pauline Diotte thank you for all your hard work these past years. Both has helped accomplish so much for the injured worker. Thank you! Wishing you all the best!
Next IWAC meeting	September meeting: Time and place will be shared in August.