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1. The Board has “taken under advisement” SCEOT’s objection to the use of training facilitators other than the WHSC, especially where the training of employee groups is concerned. We await a response, though the consensus among the various locals is that we will advocate for the use of the WHSC in all training initiatives that involve exclusively worker participants.
2. The Board is expected to finalize a revised protocol on the sharing of Safety Plan information very soon. Our message throughout this process has been that OT’s should only ever be expected to sign off on the Safety Plans of students they are responsible for in the assignment as described and accepted via SCARRI. We will see.
3. Good News! The new Terms of Reference have been largely agreed to by both the Board and the Unions. Some fine tuning is still needed but for the first time since 1998, a rewrite acceptable to all parties on the JHSC seems within reach. Details will be shared if and when all concerned sign off on it… including the Ministry of Labour.

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