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### **Nominating Committee / Submission of nominations**

As a reminder, the CUTA Nominating Committee for 2017, will prepare its report for circulation to the membership at least ninety days in advance of the Annual Meeting, scheduled for mid-May 2017. All CUTA members are invited to submit nominations. Forms are [available on the CUTA website](#). Nominations may be submitted directly to CUTA by email to the attention of [Joanne Vézina](#), no later than **Monday 16 January 2017**.

*For more information please contact [Joanne Vézina](#) at 613-690-5139.*

### **CUTA update regarding the legalization of marijuana**

As directed by its Board of Directors, CUTA is advocating for the development of a regulatory framework that would ensure appropriate measures are in place to ensure public safety, as part of the legislation that would lead to the legalization of marijuana. The goal of these measures is to provide a clear and unambiguous regulatory framework to transit operators to implement measures they deem appropriate and in compliance with the law to ensure public safety at all time, such as random drug and alcohol testing.

As part of these efforts, CUTA was a signatory to a statement by Canadian employers on the Legalization of Marijuana, which was sent to relevant federal ministers as well as the Task Force on the Marijuana Legalization.

You can read the [Task Force's report online](#). "Drug and alcohol use or impairment in the workplace can pose a danger to everyone in the workplace, including the person who is impaired. This is particularly the case in "safety-sensitive" industries, such as transportation, health care and law enforcement, where symptoms related to impairment - reduced mobility, co-ordination, perception or awareness - can increase the risks of hazards, injuries and death," reads the report.

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