

PE Meeting
April 14th and 15th

A presentation was made for the proposed electronic balloting

A motion was made to proceed with the electronic balloting for the coming convention. (Carried)

Officers reports were presented and passed.

Policy 11-2 was amended. Policy on Negotiation Team Size

MOTION: To recommend to the Provincial Executive the adoption of new Policy 11-3 — Policy on Bargaining Conferences.

Finance Committee

- \$5000.00 to buy a gold level to the Home Program (carried)
- AUPE spend \$10,000 to buy partner level in the Job safety skills society. This program goes to schools and teaches students. We have participated in this program in the past years. (carried)
- Passed the financial statements for December and January (carried)
- Recommend to the Provincial Executive that AUPE hold a one day Pension Seminar on May 30, 2011 in Calgary and June 6, 2011 in Edmonton. (Carried)
- To recommend to the Provincial Executive that three million dollars be moved from General Revenue to the. Defense Fund. (carried) Defense fund would then be approximately 33 million.
- To recommend to the Provincial Executive that three million dollars be moved from General Revenue to the Contingency Fund. (carried) This fund is at approximately 12.5 million.
- Motion: That HQ double the strike pay for local 47 chapter 21 if required. (262 members) This was debated and a motion to refer was made to have the finance committee reword the motion and bring it back before the close of the meeting. Motion to refer was defeated and a motion to table was put forward. (Tabled) The policy on strike and lockout pay was brought up and a motion to add a clause that would allow us to increase the pay for members trying to organize their initial contract. (That policy was amended). The original motion was brought back in its original form (Carried)
- Motion to hold Grandparents day picnic Wednesday Sept 14th 2011. (carried)
- To recommend to the Provincial Executive that AUPE sponsor one member from the Women's Committee to attend the Prairie School in Waskesiu Lake Saskatchewan from June 12 - 16, 2011. copy attached (Defeated)
- To recommend to the Provincial Executive that the Women's Committee hold a Seminar focusing on "Domestic Violence" to be held on September 15, 2011, venue to be confirmed. (carried)

Legislative Committee:

- Motion to PE. Recommend to the Provincial Executive to support and forward a motion to convention that the mandate of Pay and Social Equity committee be separated and combine the Social Equity mandate with the Human Rights committee and the Pay Equity mandate with the Women's committee, thereby eliminating the Pay and Social Equity standing committee. Very passionate discussion took place. (this was tabled for discussion from the committees and brought back before the 2012 convention)
- Recommend to Provincial Executive that they support and forward a motion to convention that changes article 4.17 to read:

4.17 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Article, a regular member who holds fills a permanent Union staff position, a staff position with an affiliate body or a temporary Union staff position for more than six (6) months consecutive duration in any two (2) years twelve (12) month period shall not hold perform the duties of an elected position, except for steward, in any component in the Union, nor be a member of the Union's Executive Committee.

- Rationale: There may be a possible conflict of interest in performing the duties of both an elected officer of a component and fulfilling the duties of staff. The duties of the component officer position filling the staff role should be delegated to the appropriate alternate. (carried)

Membership Services Committee

- MOTION: To have AUPE clothing available for sale at all AUPE Annual conventions and Labour Schools. An amendment was proposed to add conference week. (the amendment was defeated) (original motion was carried)
- MOTION: To have AUPE clothing available for sale at the conference week. (Defeated)
- MOTION: \$10,000 be allocated for the restoration of historical memorabilia collected to be displayed in AUPE office, All monies not used to be returned to AUPE Headquarters. (this was referred back to the committee to have them follow procedure and send it to the finance committee)
- Several new member discounts vendors were set up. Please check the website for the current list of vendors.

Women's Committee

- Motion: To recommend to the Provincial Executive that future Women's Committees be strongly to have a yearly event around International Women's Day. (Carried)

Reports of committees

- I spoke about the article written by the environment committee about our water is not for sale and asked for an explanation as to why it was so narrowly focused to the Sierra Clubs point of view. The chair of the environment responded to my concerns.
- The membership services committee has proposed a pilot project to hold all courses in either Calgary, Edmonton Red deer. This is a response to the many cancelled courses in the various regions. If there is a minimum number in a given area to hold a course they will travel to the area to teach the course.

Stats for Core Courses from 2008 to 2010 (3 full years)

Over 3 years total stats for core courses offered by Office are:

Edmonton 140 courses with 5 cancellations

Calgary 65 courses with 10 cancellations

Red Deer 44 courses with 6 cancellations

Grande Prairie 13 courses with 10 cancellations

Athabasca 5 courses with 4 cancellations

Lethbridge 34 courses with 17 cancellations

Peace River 18 courses with 10 cancellations

Camrose 15 courses with 8 cancellations

We have difficulty filling our courses in Peace River, Grande Prairie, Camrose, Athabasca and Lethbridge. A recommendation is that we trial Red Deer, Calgary and Edmonton as core

teaching hubs. The rationale being that when the courses are cancelled due to lack of attendance we bump them to these offices anyways.

Presentation by Wild Ride:

Janet Brown and Paul McLoughlin made a presentation on the political situation in Alberta. They spoke about the polls and support for each party over the last few years. The PC party leadership will be critical in the future of the pc party. The support for the PC and Wildrose are very close together. Since Ed Stelmach has announced his retirement the gap has spread a bit with the PC party gaining about 10%. The new leadership in this province needs to be of a world class nature. Alberta is dealing with the world more with oil and energy. China is becoming a big investor in Alberta oil. Health care will be another big topic of this election. The polling shows that Albertans think Health care is the most important issue at 29% economy is 24%.

As for the PC leadership race. Ted Morton has brought much of his original supporters back from the Wildrose party. He is well spoken and well financed and is good at getting his voters out to vote. Allison Redford has lots of international experience and has a well-financed campaign. Doug Horner is running an inexperienced campaign. Most of the people on his team are very young and inexperienced. He does have a strong rural vote but is seen as Stelmach lite. Doug Griffiths was a teacher and is very young. He will try to have a grass roots campaign and many think he is in the race to increase his profile and get a cabnrite post.

Gary Mar has lots of experience and has been pegged as Dinning 2.0. Has lots of money but has been out of Alberta for so long he is a bit off the radar.

Thomas Lacazick, Gene Zwozdesky, Lindsay Blacket, Eric Young, Rick Orman, Stephen Mandell all may enter the race. When the polls were done, 52% have not decided who to vote for.

Allison Redford leads the decided voters with 14%. It is so early in the race that it is very hard to predict who will win. Most of the MLAs are sitting on the fence and not declaring who they will support.

Glen Scott reported on his visit to Wisconsin. The budget repair bill mandated that the union could only bargain for money to a maximum of 1% and any more would have to go to a referendum. They would not be able to bargain for any other benefits. It was clear that the bill was intended to bust the unions. The population is similar to Alberta and they had 150,000 people show up to rally at the capitol building. All the unions worked together and set aside their differences to battle this threat to all to all of them. They managed to get the public and businesses behind them and many had signs of support in the store windows. After the bill was past the efforts moved to get a recall vote. The vote was on April 5th and it was so close that the winner has not been declared yet. As of today they have recalled 15 Senator's. This is being watched very closely by other governments to see the outcome. We need to set some direction for our union to prepare ourselves for the possibility of a similar event happening in Alberta.

Draw for seating selection for convention was conducted. 38, 52, 42, 41, 49, 43, 71, 50, 1, 48, 46, 45, 69, 20, 118, 3, 2, 60, 95, 44, 39, 4, **12**, 5, 53, 6, 47, 57, 9, 56, 54, We will be near the back this year.

June 6th is the next Environment committee meeting
I brought forward the following motions

MOTION: That AUPE withdraw itself as a supporter of the "Our Water Is Not For Sale" campaign and remove their name from the open letter published on the Campaign's website. (Tabled)

MOTION: That the AUPE Environment Committee contact AUPE members with relevant expertise and the professional scientific community prior to publishing information to ensure the information is factual. (Defeated)

MOTION: That the article "Environment Committee joins fight for fairer water allocation in Alberta" on page 8 in the Winter 2011 issue of Direct Impact by Vanessa Bjerreskov be retracted due to misinformation. (Tabled)

A policy to create a Young activist award was introduced and a motion was made to include it in the policy manual. (Carried)

Upcoming events to share with your members

1) RALLY - SUNDAY MAY 29TH, NOON AT THE ALBERTA LEGISLATURE - RALLY TO PROTEST CUTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

This is being organized by parent groups in Edmonton to protest the cuts to staffing positions (Teachers and Support Staff) in the Edmonton Public and Catholic School Systems.

PLEASE ENCOURAGE YOUR MEMBERS TO ATTEND AND SHOW SUPPORT!

2) INFORMATION PICKET - TUESDAY MAY 31ST 3:00PM - 5:00PM AT THE EDMONTON REMAND CENTRE (ERC) 97ST AND 104TH AVENUE (EDMONTON)

This is being organized by Local 003 Chapter 008 to protest ongoing issues of overcrowding and understaffing at ERC which continues to put members and inmates at risk.

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