

# P.E Report

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A lot has happened since our last meeting. Convention brought changes to our president with Guy Smith taking the vote and the number of Vice presidents was increased to six. At our last Provincial Executive meeting on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, it seems like the new executive committee is adjusting to their new roles and are working very well together. It looks like AUPE is running well and is focusing on the challenges that the future will present.

There was a lot of interest in working on committees this term and in an effort to get more members involved, Pres Smith put out a role call vote before the PE meeting to increase the number of members that can sit on committees to 12. This was discussed at PE and it was ruled out of order as it conflicts with the constitution and it would require a vote of convention to make that change.

Do you think Local 12 members would like to see the number of committee members increased? Currently we have 9 on each committee. It was suggested we increase that number to 12. I feel 9 is sufficient but I would appreciate your thoughts and comments on that issue.

The executive committee is planning an extensive tour of the province to try to inspire and motivate union activity. If you hear of an activity planned for your area please support it. Check the AUPE website for the VP assigned to your area and the activities that may be coming to a town near you. I will let you all know if they are coming to Vulcan and you can all come see me.

The PE Meeting dates for the upcoming year are set as follows.

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in Calgary.**

**June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.**

**Oct 13<sup>th</sup> pre convention.**

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

If you would like to attend any of these as an observer please let me know or call the Presidents office. You are welcome to attend.

The Greater Edmonton Alliance came to PE and made a presentation for a similar organization forming in Calgary. AUPE has been a supporter of GEA for a number of years and has donated **\$134,000 over the past 7 years.**

A motion was passed to donate **\$20,000** to the Calgary counterpart to assist in their organization.

We have donated \$1,795.00 to the Alberta Royal Canadian Legion by purchasing advertising space on a "Military Service Recognition Book" they are publishing.

Donation of \$1,000 was given to the Canadian Fallen Hero's Foundation.

The Parkland Institute is doing an extensive research project into the upcoming Provincial Budget (pre and post budget analysis)  
We have given \$25,000 to support this project.

We had a lot of discussion on how we can increase the member's interest and show solidarity and strength in facing the treats and possible cuts to our union members or salaries.

How can we as a local increase our member's activity and interest?  
I would love to hear your thoughts on this.

As directed by the constitution I have been asked to submit an annual report outlining the activities and challenges of our local.  
I will be mentioning the tremendous scholarship program we have and the outstanding local council we have but I would appreciate your input.  
Think of it as the State of the Local address.  
Please email me anything that may be a concern or success our local has experienced.

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I apologize for not being able to attend the meeting and answer your questions.  
Please feel free to contact me if you have questions for me

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