

P.E. Report Sept 27th 2008

I have attended a few Provincial Executive meetings since our last Local council meeting

- In June, after much debate and consideration over the appropriate amount we raised the mileage rate to .52 cents per kilometer. I thought that was a bit too much of a jump. 24 voted in favor 12 against
- The public awareness campaign is continuing and has received positive feedback
- A women's conference is being planned for March 20-21 2009.
- Brian Randall's life membership was approved for presentation at this years convention
- Each standing committee will have access to an annual budget of \$5000. This will help them put down deposits for venues, or activities without having to wait for the next P.E meeting. It should help the committees run a bit smoother.
- We had a long discussion as to the types of organizations we donate money to as STARS had requested a \$50,000 donation. The P.E. voted not to give them the money, not because they are not a worthy cause but because we did not think it fit well into the union mandate as they are not part of the public system and are privately run. (The list of donations the Union has made to organization in the past is attached)
- We did pass a motion to donate \$3,500 to the Family Violence Conference and registrar a delegate.
- We will register three to attend the Stand up against Poverty Event on October 17th. 2008
- The OH&S Committee will attend the CSSE Conference on October 26-29th 2008
- Local rebates will be increased to reflect the 5% increase
- We had a presentation from Winston Gereluk about a project that the Labor History Institute is doing and we donated \$33,000 to cover the cost of publishing a book. This project will look at the history of labor across the province. It sounded like an excellent project.

We held a special P.E Meeting at the end of August to discuss what changes if any AUPE needs to look at to better serve the members.

We brainstormed and looked at ideas from one extreme to the other.

We came to the consensus that this union still remains one of the best and nothing really is Broken.

We did come up with 7 prioritized items that need to be discussed with the Locals and members to determine if improvements can be made.

1. Communication and transparency of Provincial Executive and Executive. Are we reaching the members of this union in an effective way?
2. Communication. How is the best way to communicate (technology, Websites)
How do the members access information

3. Executive. Should we elect in opposite years? What should be the roles of the VP? (grass roots contacts or administrators of the union.) Do we need to look at full time paid VP? (how many and what would be their duties?)
4. Membership Involvement. Would regional meeting or regional Local? How best to finance locals and area councils? With shift work, do we need a 24hr access to union reps? How do we adapt the process to accommodate the wide variety of members we represent?
5. Education. How best to orientate new members and keep existing ones educated and active?
6. Union Reps. Do we need some worksite reps?

7. Roles and treatment of staff.

Please provide me with your thoughts and ideas on these issues or any others that come to your mind that may not be listed here