

Vice-President (Acting) Ontario

Report to National Executive – August 2014

Since the NEC meeting in May 2014-07-08:

VP Ontario Sister Arlene Preston resigned from her position on June 17th 2014, at that time as DVP, I assumed the VP's position.

We have had our co-NCR/On regional conference May 23rd to May 25th. The Conference was a success. We had several presenters, Brother John MacLennan UNDE National President, Sister Mary Chamberlain UNDE EVP, Sister Kim Brackhahn UNDE Staff, Sister Bev Gallagher UNDE Staff, Sister Robyn Benson PSAC National President, Brother Joshua Saddler UNDE Young Worker Rep. Topics presented were; Policy Honorarium/per diem, Mental Health/bullying/violence in the workplace, Communication Strategies, UNDE Grievance process, Union ware, Attracting young workers to our union.

The PSAC Ontario Convention was held in Mississauga from June 5th to 8th. We had a Brother running for REVP Ontario, he presented well but came up short, incumbent Sister Sharon Desousa was re-elected on the first ballot. Brother Dave Carr and Grant Tennant were elected in their respective caucuses, congrats.

On the TB bargaining front, I spoke at meetings in Barrie and Trenton. I attended a bargaining workshop in Guelph. I also attended the first actual bargaining session in Ottawa, where we presented our package to TB and received theirs.

I attended a FR Steering comity meeting on July 23rd in Ottawa.

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