

## VP NCR Activities May –Dec 2015

2015

May	PSAC Day of action
Jun	Local 70608 Activity NCRC meeting RVAC Meeting Local President's Conference
Jul	NDMC UMCC RVAC Meeting Day of Action
Aug	RVAC community event Meeting local 70607 president
Sept	Labour Day Parade DND Orientation Session NCR/CSE Town hall Telecom local 70614 president
Oct	NCR course, Modules 1,4 & 6 70607 AGM Special NE Meeting PSAC NCRC Council meeting
Nov	NDMC UMCC OFL Workers of Colour Symposium PSAC Caucus meeting OFL Convention
Dec	Local 70614 meeting

I attended a few Day of Action activities leading up to the election. I was interviewed by a radio station wrt the pointing of the thumb and it's significance.

This year I participate in the Labour Day event where I distributed pamphlets and answered questions from the public. The PSAC tent was situated next to the NDP's tent.

Local presidents within the NCR had requested a course for new recruits, the course was delivered and was well received. Thanks to sister Griffith-Bonaparte who facilitated.

Local 70607 held their AGM whereby former VP NCR Robert Champoux received his Lifetime membership award. There were other awards given to activists of that local, these range from 10 to 25 year pins & certificates.

Sandra Griffith-Bonaparte .....10  
Margaret Lafond.....10  
Joan Buchanan ..... 10  
Jenny Bowler.....25

Kevin Foran.....25

The election was held and Sister Sandra Griffith-Bonaparte re-elected as President  
Kevin Foran was re-elected 1st Vice-president  
Joan Buchanan was re-elected secretary  
Feilan Xia-baker was re-elected treasurer  
Robert Basque and Enza Ricci was elected as VPs.

OFL Workers of Colour Symposium:

Attended the OFL symposium - Aboriginal opening followed by the welcome by Irwin Nanda OFL EVP. The opening remarks delivered by Patrick (Sid )Ryan, OFL President who spoke of the racism/discrimination within the labour movement and that there should be a will to eradicate this.

This was followed by a panel of 4 speakers Sandra Hudson 'Black lives matter' she stated that incidents similar to those occurring in the USA happens in Toronto and labour movement should be challenging this. Deputy Grand Chief Denise Stonefish, spoke on the missing & murdered women and girls and also the ' Who is she?' campaign that's encouraging all Canadians to give support to a First Nation driven inquiry into the Murdered & Missing indigenous women and girls. Visit and donate at [www.whoisshe.ca](http://www.whoisshe.ca)  
Santiago Escobar spoke on migrant workers rights  
Mohammed Hashim spoke on Islamophobia and Bill C-51, how the Muslim community organized with the highest % came out to vote so they could defeat the govt in the last election.

OFL convention

The track played and performed at the OFL opening called on community & labour activists to fight for the 'Ontario we want'.

Young workers panel called for end to precarious work.

Human Rights panel focused on intersectionality and that we cannot do activism in isolation.

Health & Safety panel talked about the broadening of workplace health & Safety to include harassment, intimidation and workplace violence.

Violence against women must be eradicated.

CLC President Hassan Yussuff stated in his speech that Bill C-377 and Bill C- 51 should be repealed wrt the PM promise.

I attended a \$15.00 minimum wage lunch hour rally . The fed forward team was elected Chris Buckley as president, Patty Coates sec/ tres and Ahmad Gaied as EVP, Sister Sandra Griffith-Bonaparte local 70607 president ran independently, but was unsuccessful. She ran a very good campaign and her speech was an excellent one.

The burden now rest on the labour movement to stop the government from selling off Hydro 1.

Attended Local 70614 , however no one was re-offering for any executive position at this time.

In Solidarity

Submitted & moved

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