

REPORT TO: THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE**RE: VP & REGIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR PERIOD AUG - NOV 2011****Submitted by: Debbie Graham, VP NL/NB**

Contract Negotiations – Local 90120 (IMP Gander) contract negotiations ended in one tentative agreement being turned down and an employer offer (not supported by the bargaining team) was also turned down (99%) between the months of Sep and Oct with binding arbitration to follow. Many thanks to the bargaining team Brothers Martin Coady, Eugene Stone, Gord Noftal and Chris Barnes with negotiator Sister Gaby Levesque (PSAC) for their hard work.

DCC Site Visits – the DCC Site visits to our Region took place 25 – 29 Sep 11 with Brother Turcq and Tim McGrath visiting Locals 90101 and 90125 (Goose Bay), 90102 (Gander), 90101 (St. John's) and 60303 (Gagetown). Their visit proved interesting and informative.

Funeral Services – the funeral for Sister Nancy Riche who was a strong Union Activist well known nationally and internationally was held 05 Oct 11. Many VIPs were in attendance including from the NDP as well as numerous Union leaders. The funeral finished with a chorus of "Solidarity Forever" proved moving and was captured by TV media. UNDE donation of \$1,000 made in recognition of her hard work and dedication to Human Rights and the Union as well as assisting Local 90125 (SerCo Goose Bay) in achieving Successor Rights which reinstated the Collective Agreement to the members who transitioned from Public to Private Sector.

LFAA LMRC – meeting held 02 Nov 11 resulted in provision of list of term employees in LFAA (covers ASG Gagetown, Aldershot and outlying Armouries in NL). That information has been provided to the Locals concerned for clarification and completion of paperwork requested for National Office. The new Co-chair for management seems fair and ready to work collectively with the Union during the Strategic Review and any other programs that are currently underway.

NL Federation of Labour Convention – was held during the period 06 – 08 Nov 11 and provided valuable information regarding emerging issues in particular Pooled Retirement Pension Plan (PRPP) which is an option that is being looked at for Public Service Pensions. The Convention also paid tribute to Sister Nancy Riche which was extremely well done and well received. A demonstration was held at lunch 07 Nov 11 that saw over 300 marching to City Hall on behalf of the 29 members of Employment and Immigration whose work is being relocated to St. John's disrupting their lives, their families and their community. Speakers included MP Scott Simms (Lib), NDP Provincial Leader Lorraine Michaels, PSAC Atlantic REVP Sister Jeannie Baldwin and many other Union leaders. This being my last NL Federation of Labour Convention, I thanked all for the great years working together and wished good luck in the future.

Elections of Local Officers – by the end of Dec, elections will have been completed for all but one Local (90102) in this Region.

- **Local 90101** (St. John's) – 28 Nov
- **Local 90103** (TB Goose Bay) – 30 Nov
- **Local 90125** (SerCo) – 01 Dec

Local 90120 – held 06 Nov 11 and elected by acclamation is Brother Martin Coady (President), Brother Eugene Stone (VP), Brother Derrick (Secretary/Treasurer), Brother Gord Noftal (Chief Shop Steward).

Local 60303 – held 09 Nov 11 and elected by acclamation is Brother Morris Shannon (President), Sister Patty Maxwell (1st VP), Brother Paul Ryan (2nd VP), Brother Joe Lawrence (Secretary), Sister Sally Carr (Treasurer), Brother Victor Carr (Chief Shop Steward), Brother Tim Sears (H&S) and Brother Dan Frost (Communication Steward).

Regional Representatives

The following is the list of our Regional Representatives and the Committees they serve on:

- DCC** – Brother Dave Meade, Local 60303
- Human Rights** – Sister Shirley Ryan, Local 90101
- FR Steering** – Brother Neil Perry, Local 60303
- Young Workers** – Sister Brandi-Leigh Abbott, Local 90125

Regional Facilitators

The following is a list of our Regional Facilitators:

- Local 90101** – Sisters Kim Ducey and Shirley Ryan and Brother Frank Gauci
- Local 90102** – Sister Kim Lalibertie and Brother Chris Grandy
- Local 90103** – Brother Silas Bird
- Local 90125** – Brothers Bernie Bolger, Kevin Rideout and Dennis Berseford
- Local 60303** – Sister Angela Ellsworth

In closing it has proved to be an interesting 4 months with activity happening with each Local. I thank each for their assistance and support during this period.

In solidarity,