

VP Manitoba/Saskatchewan National Executive Report
May 2019

National Executive Meeting – 26-30 Nov

Privatization Committee Conference Call – 6 Dec

PSAC Prairies Webinar on Treasury Board Bargaining – 10 Jan

1&2 Cdn Div UMCC – 15 Jan

Privatization Committee Conference Call – 16 Jan

Finalized Mandate for Committee, Terms of Reference

Labour College Of Canada 2019 – 3-9 Feb

-Definitely the most challenging labour education I have taken but worth the 15 months set aside to complete with an accredited Diploma. My class was the first Cohort to participate in the new program.

The Labour College of Canada (LCC) is a union-made education program for active union members. The new LCC Certificate Program is a labour studies and leadership program for labour active union members that supports critical thinking and collaborative learning in a flexible format.

Continuing on the success of the previous LCC programs, the new LCC Certificate Program is built on creating collaborative learning moments and student cohorts from start to finish. The new program offers greater flexibility by blending online and in-class learning. Areas of study included:

- Political Economy
- Theory and Practice of Unions
- Labour History and History of Work
- Organizing and Education for Change
- Communications
- Emerging Issues for the New Working Class

The program is now divided into three sessions. Each session includes an on-line and in-person component. All sessions require preparation and reading and some work following each session related to an independent project (LCC Project). The LCC Certificate Program:

- Builds leadership skills and provides leadership tools
- Fosters empowerment, self-confidence and new networks of labour leaders
- Strengthens critical thinking skills
- Examines working class struggles and human rights issues that affect all

workers

- Creates change!

Local Presidents Conference – 22-23 Feb

CSE Young Worker Representative presentation

Bylaw Committee Meeting – 24 Feb

Local 50705 Phoenix Demonstration – 28 Feb

PSAC Phoenix Demonstration – 25 March
Meeting at Union Center with MFL and union leaders to talk with PM Trudeau – 4 April

Prairies Council of Locals – 11-14 April

-Toured the Prince of Whales Northern Heritage Center - The PWNHC holds in trust for the public a large collection of objects that represent the peoples and cultures of the NWT, and produces exhibitions that tell stories about the land, people and history of the NWT. However, the PWNHC is “more than a museum”. In addition to its exhibits, collections and conservation programs, the PWNHC houses the NWT Archives, provides technical, logistic and financial support to individuals and organizations involved in cultural activities and the arts, and authorizes archaeological studies in the NWT.

-Toured the Legislative Assembly of the NWT - The Legislative Assembly is the seat of elected government in the Northwest Territories. Members are elected every four years from each of 19 ridings to serve in a unique consensus government that is studied and admired the world over. It is essentially a parliament led by a permanent minority; members elect seven Cabinet ministers and a Speaker from their own ranks.

-Aurora Borealis-Northern Lights Viewing

-Great Networking with regions-Agenda was full with speakers of both UNDE and PSAC National Officers, Update from the HR and YW representatives, Overview of what is needed to move ahead with bringing members back in house with Treasury Board or preventing contracting out. How to prepare for business case writing, who is needed on team, timelines, etc.

-We Support our Bargaining teams poster made for the team when they meet in Ottawa

Prairies Bargaining Webinar with PSAC National VP Magail Picard – 17 April

MFL 1919 Gala Dinner – 16 May

Preview of the Rainbow Stage production “strike the musical” comedy performance by Steve Patterson and mingled with activists. Met Jagmeet Singh leader of the NDP.

National Executive Meeting – 22-25 May

3rd Canadian Division LMCC – next meeting Sept 26 (see report)

RPOU(W) LMCC – next meeting Jun 16 and Sept 26 (see report)

1 Canadian Air Division (1CAD) Union Management Consultation Committee (UMCC) – next meeting Jun 6 (see report)

Highlights from the Locals

Winnipeg- 50705 (Nicole Papineau)

-28 Feb Phoenix Demonstration and supporting the bargaining teams

-Scholarship presentation to Balwinder Dhillon’s son Sukhcharhat Dhillon

- 1919 BBQ's – commemorating the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike
- 15 May first BBQ success with prizes given to the 15th and 25th member in attendance.
- Non UNDE donations to RaY –resource assistance for youth - charity
- 25 Jun will be second BBQ
- 25 May there will be a UNDE float in the parade by the Local
- PSAC Leaders Tour 28 May Winnipeg Union Center
- Issue with union boards in the workplace

Shilo – 50704 (Mike Weisgerber)

- met with CHP members, Maj Dulong, and LCol Glaicar to talk about the Energy Performance Contract

Dundurn – 40801 (Evelyn Jackson)

- waiting for organization charts to be completed Nationally to move forward with classification grievances.

MooseJaw – 40802 (Shaunna Plourde)

- Open Letters to Trudeau being completed & hoping to send them out to PSAC by the end of the week.
- plan on have BBQ's every month during the summer.
- hoping to do something big will ALL the unions on the base including IAMAW etc, most likely in August or September.
- plan having a BBQ during Public Service week & possibly a breakfast.

ATCO Structures & Logistics – 40800 (Jean-Claude Gelin)

Aramark/Sodexo – 40807 (Kevin Roh)

Human Rights Advisor MB/Sask – Sister Shaunna Plourde

(see Human Rights Advisor Report)

Young Workers representative MB/Sask – Sister Megan Duthie

(see Young Workers Report)

FR Steering Committee MB/Sask – Brother Mike Mymko

(see FR Steering Committee Report)

Ammo Committee Rep - Glen King

(see National Ammo Committee Report)

“Never have the workers of Winnipeg had so much confidence in their cause as today. Never has there been such unanimity as to absolute necessity of settling once [and] for all the two points at issue, namely: 1. The right to collective bargaining, and 2. The right to a living wage.

- *Western Labor News*, May 21, 1919 (Winnipeg)

In Solidarity

Respectfully Submitted

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