CUPE NS CB Area VP Report

This year has been rough but here we all are still strong.

During the past year I have again had the opportunity to learn and grow in the union environment. I

have attend every CUPE NS executive meeting, responded to many emails and aided in passing motions with the CUPE Nova Scotia Board.

I have had the pleasure of assisting CUPE members

Some of the activities I have taken part in this year:

Attended Labor Day Picnic Sponsored by Cape Breton District Labor Council in Sydney

CUPE NS Executive Board Liaison for the Contracting Out and Privatization Committee – very unfortunate but the committee has not been successful in meeting and obtaining goals due to not having a full board and quorum being difficult to obtain for meetings.

Being a member of the National Contracting out and Privatization Committee, I have attended all committee meetings in Ottawa. These meetings offered a lot of presentations from different CUPE personnel to guide us in what is being seen in Government and Private entities in the ongoing “Public Private” services. It is truly an eye opening experience to realize how much Contracting out and Privatization is occurring through out Canada and the industries and workers in impacts.

In attending the Building Stronger Locals in Montreal during the first week of March I attended different workshops to gain knowledge and experience to strengthen my knowledge and understandings. During this time I also had the pleasure of meeting new people, connecting with friends and learning about other CUPE locals throughout Canada.

I encourage all locals in Cape Breton to ensure their contact information is submitted to CUPE Nova Scotia so that the CUPE NS Cape Breton VP can contact them and bring forth any issues, battles, victories their local may be facing to the CUPE NS board. In having information about the Cape Breton Locals it has grown my passion to discover more information and services available.

This position has been a pleasure to fulfill and I want to thank all CUPE NS members for affording me the opportunity to be part of the CUPE Nova Scotia Board.

Sincerely,

Cheryl MacDonald