**Southern Area VP Report**

Hello all and welcome to the 2025 CUPE NS Convention. The first thing I’d like to do is introduce myself because I am a new face to the table. My name is Christa Sweeney and I am currently the Southern Area VP.

I was elected to the alternate position 2 years ago when we were last here in Membertou and over the Summer I was asked to step up into the position when the previous VP stepped down. It has been a whirlwind of a learning experience and I have been very appreciative for the opportunity to contribute and learn.

I have attended the CUPE NS board meetings both in person and via Zoom when needed, and participated in decision making, emails and votes when required for the work that we all do.

Some of the other work I’ve done include collaborating with my local legion on Remembrance Day to have a wreath laid for CUPE NS, attending the All Committee Meeting, and being the boards representative to the Pension Committee.

I also attended the All Sector’s Meeting in Winnipeg this year where I co-chaired the Healthcare sector, and am the current Chairperson for the Long Term Care and Community Services Committee.

I want to thank everyone on CUPE Nova Scotia’s board for making me feel so welcome and showing me the ropes over the last year. A big thank you especially to Nan whose email and phone have aways been open. Your retirement is well deserved, but you will be greatly missed.

In Solidarity,

Christa Sweeney

Southern Area Vp