Vice President’s Report

CUPE Nova Scotia’s 61st Convention

First, I would like to start by taking a moment to thank the CUPE Nova Scotia executive board. This year truly has been an eye-opening experience, with personal growth, experience and understanding truly how the division runs and works.

In June after convention I hit the ground running, with the Nova Scotia Health Coalition in partners with other unions and community organizations planning a rally at the peace and friendship park Infront of the Westin, Halifax where the premiers of Canada were meeting. The rally, which was held on July 16th, 2024, was a success with around 300 people attended. The rally promoted public health care, including pharmacare.

The Nova Scotia Health Coalition meets quarterly with the full board, and I have attended all meetings either in person or by zoom. The last 2 full days of meetings were a structural review of the organization. Thanks to the NSHC board for allowing me to use my CUPE facilitator skills during both these days, with all the charting .

I have also included in my report a link to sign up for the Nova Scotia Health Coalition mailing list. Publicly funded health care is a concern for everyone.

<https://www.nshealthcoalition.ca/join-or-donate>

NS Division had planned their first set of board meetings after convention around this event. This was also my first meeting in the role of Vice President and had to plan and chair the meetings. The meetings and the event both went over very smoothly, I left that week for home feeling very accomplished, knowing division was in the right place.

The fall was a very busy. I started the month with the All-Committee’s conference held at the Inn on Prince in early October. This responsibility of organizing relies under the duties of the 1st VP. Thank you to Nan for guiding me through the process and helping make the All – Committee’s conference a success. Thank-you to Union Development through many zoom meetings, saw the vision and created a plan to make that vision happen.

CUPE National held The dollar and sense conference the end of October. I was asked if I would be a facilitator for this event. The event was well attended and truly an eye-opening experience for all our locals that participated. After the conference the member facilitators as well as the Union Development staff sat down for a debrief. We addressed common challenges and issues that would make the program run more smoothly. After the rewrite was complete, I was able to have a day to go through the material and make comments and suggestions. The New Financial officer’s education was released in January.

During the time while at the Conference I was able to participate in campaigning for the NDP candidate Lisa Lachance. In the upcoming provincial election. Thank you to the members from Nova Scotia and Newfoundland and Labrador that volunteered their time in the evening for this work.

In closing I want to thank all of you, the members, who truly are the reason why our great union continues to fight .

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