

PRESIDENTS REPORT TO THE GENERAL MEMBERSHIP

November 21, 2017



HEALTHCARE

Although Bills 28 and 29 were passed in the legislature last June, government has still not proclaimed either one leaving our members in limbo. Over the last three months our members at the St. Boniface and Grace Hospitals have gone through an extensive deletion and bumping process.

At our General Membership Town Hall meeting on November 21st, Union Representatives Carmela Abraham and Joe Carreiro will provide all of our members with an update on the changes in the healthcare system that are affecting our members.

SOBEYS AND RED RIVER CO-OP

Preparations are now almost complete to begin bargaining with both Sobeys and Red River Co-op before the end of the year. We have conducted 3 extremely successful member forums as well as meeting with all of the Sobeys Shop Stewards and the selection of the bargaining committee members is now complete.

Meetings have been scheduled with both committees to finalize proposals and negotiations will open with Sobeys on December 7th and with Red River Co-op on December 19th.

Regular updates will be available on our website as bargaining progresses in the New Year and a thorough update of the status of bargaining will be provided at our next town hall meeting.

SECURITY GUARD MINIMUM WAGE

In September we were informed that the scheduled increase of 75 cents to the Security Guard Minimum wage was being "paused" by the provincial government. The increase which was scheduled to take place October 1st was to be the last one of 4 annual increases that would make the minimum wage for guards \$2.25 above the provincial minimum wage.

We are extremely concerned about the government's decision and held a rally in front of the legislature in October to protest the decision. Government has yet to announce whether they will reinstate the increase, freeze the minimum wage or repeal the legislation altogether.

UFCW INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Nominations meetings are underway to elect Local 832 delegates to our International Convention which will take place in April of 2018 in Las Vegas, Nevada. To be nominated as a delegate you have to be nominated at one of the meetings being held for this purpose across the province and must have been a member of 832 for a year or a member of UFCW Canada for two years. Elections will take place in January of 2018.

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LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK

Last week we attended the UFCW Canada Convention in Montreal that's held once every 5 years. At the convention we nominated all six of the positions on our International Executive Board including recommending that Paul Meinema – our National President – be re-elected for another term. The nominations will be voted on at the International Convention next April.

LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK

The Light the Night Walk held at the Forks on September 30th was a huge success again this year and a big thank you goes out to all of our members who participated and helped to raise funds for Leukemia research. Thanks to your efforts we raised over \$43,000 this year.

2017 POLICY CONFERENCE

Our annual Policy Conference was held on November 8th at the Winnipeg Training Centre. Delegates to the conference heard from several keynote speakers and heard a presentation on the proposed budget for 2018 from Marie Buchan, Executive Advisor to the President.

EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS

On October 30th elections for the next term of office for Local 832's Executive Board were completed and 4 new Vice Presidents were elected. Congratulations to Sandy Barylski from Sysco Foods, Patricia Bolduc from Hope North and Wes Connell and Darlene Kernot both from Safeway on their election as new Vice Presidents.

Our sincere thanks to Sally Huculak from the Thompson Hospital who retires after 14 years of service on the board, to Kay Wetherill and Carino Bosica from Sobeys who served on the board for 13 years each and to Corey Kowalski from Diageo in Gimli who served on the board for 6 years.

All of the other positions on the board including the President, Secretary Treasurer and Recorder as well as the other 13 Vice Presidents were either re-elected or acclaimed to a term of office of 4 years starting January 1st, 2018.

Jeff Traeger

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