

President Report

April 2023

Office: The office is always busy, but it has been a bit better now that the dues request is closed. The Union Support Officers were offered to go to CLC schooling in Moose Jaw to keep up their skills. Margaret and Bev attended, and Joe was unable to attend due to other work commitments.

Dues request: The dues request is now closed. We have received the first batch of cheques that the Local office will be preparing to send out. We are working on the draft letter to go out with the paystubs to explain the amount and why we will need to provide a T4A as per CRA. Pay-works is the company that did our cheques for us. Mylene has ordered special envelopes and as soon as we receive them, we will begin preparing for the mail-out. Only those problematic emails that we had received before closing date are still going to be worked on and processed.

National Healthcare Issue Committee: I sit as Co-Chair for this Committee that's held twice a year. We come together to learn from each Province on what works and what doesn't. Together, we set down Resolutions for National and work on projects Canada wide. We are wanting to do a Canada wide action for public healthcare. We will meet again before National Convention in October to get more information on how we will launch. The HCIC lobby on the Hill for public healthcare and other healthcare issues. We have received good news; the Supreme Court of Canada has dismissed the Appeal by a private corporation intent on creating a two-tier health care system ending the decade-long campaign by public health care advocates to defend Medicare. This is something we have worked hard on and lobby on. This sends a strong message to governments from the nation's highest court that private, for-profit health care is the wrong way to go. The size of one's wallet should not be a part of healthcare.

Restructuring: Once again they are making more restructuring of the healthcare system. The employer is moving all the supply chain into one program under Shared Health. These meetings have just started. The Union and the Employer are still working on the ETA Employment Transition Agreement. It is like what happened to Diagnostic Imaging, but there have been a few more groups like this that have already transitioned; we call them "lift and shifts."

Healthcare Post Bargaining: Recognition Retention Bonus, Market Adjustment and Wage Standardization, Inclusion of Community Programs into HEB MB Benefits and Pension: We are still in talks.

End of my report.