

## President's Report to the General Membership - January 2021

Dear Members,

I hope your Gregorian New Year has been off to a gentle start!

Shortly after our last GMM in December, I attended McMaster's December Board of Governor's meeting to ask our university's governing body to be more accountable and fairer toward all our TAs in regard to out of province Unit 1 workers that are being excluded from their unionized rights and entitlements during the pandemic. It was very heartening to attend the meeting and mobilize with fellow members even though we received a dissatisfactory response from the meeting.

I also helped process Professional Development Fund applications in December for our Unit 2 and 3. I'm glad that we served our members to the best of our ability leading up to the holidays. As part of our on-going solidarity efforts through the ISWG, I also visited Land Back Lane last month.

Otherwise, this January I've been working to help setup our Local for the rest of the year. I continue to attend grievance meetings to support our members, supervise our wonderful staff (Fran, Mary Ellen, and Brad) and support administrative tasks that help our Local function smoothly. I continue to external groups such as the OUWCC and I attended the monthly meetings for HDLC delegates and their Young Worker's group recently. Alongside our Vice President and Recording Secretary, I helped prepare various aspects for today's GMM's as well.

In solidarity,  
Sharoni Mitra