

President's Report (August – Sep 2026)

Orientations were a major part of my work during the period from mid-August to mid-September. I attended orientations and participated in activities to welcome and support members, provide relevant organizational information, and respond to questions and concerns. These orientations provided an important opportunity to engage with members and ensure they had the information and support needed.

Alongside the orientations, I managed and responded to emails related to ongoing responsibilities, meetings, events, and organizational matters. I followed up on outstanding tasks, communications, and action items as needed. I also participated in office hours to remain available to members, respond to questions, address concerns, and provide support regarding relevant workplace and union matters.

I attended Executive meetings, budget committee meetings, and PAC meetings, where I participated in discussions regarding ongoing union priorities, activities, and organizational responsibilities. I also scheduled and coordinated a Bylaws Chairs meeting to support continued discussion and review of bylaws-related matters. In addition, I completed signatory-related work and followed up on the necessary documentation and processes.

I participated in community and outreach activities during this period, including tabling at CIBC Hall and, Club Fest. I also participated in the Labour Day event at Bayfront, where other execs and I tabled for more than five hours, engaging with members and community participants, providing information, and supporting the union's presence at the event. These activities provided opportunities to connect with members, promote awareness of union activities, and strengthen community engagement. I also met and corresponded with multiple independent political candidates who reached out to the union regarding their campaigns and community priorities. I invited them to attend a General Membership Meeting (GMM) to introduce themselves, share their platforms, and engage directly with the membership.

I attended the Steward 3 gathering and participated in discussions and activities related to steward engagement and organizational responsibilities. I also met with the Treasurer to discuss financial and organizational matters and to coordinate on ongoing tasks, particularly in light of current budget constraints. We discussed the organization's financial position and outstanding obligations, including the national dues that had not yet been paid due to a lack of available funds.

This period involved a combination of member engagement, community outreach, organizational coordination, and administrative responsibilities, with a continued focus on supporting members, strengthening participation, and advancing the union's ongoing priorities.

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