

Activity Report: September 2021-March 31, 2022

Hello all,

Here is my first activity report since my election as the Assistant to the Regional Vice President BC & Yukon and as the Coordinator for PSAC BC Racially Visible Members' Caucus.

September 24, 2021: First Committee Meeting with PSAC BC Racially Visible members to brainstorm about event/activities to organise in 2021.

September 29, 2021: Attended Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting and took meeting notes as the secretary for the committee.

October 4 & 19, 2021: Every third week in November is proclaimed BC's Multicultural Week in BC. In order to well celebrate the event, I put together a working committee. Hence, met with the committee to share and hear a progress report on guest speakers, activities and panelists. Theme of the event was:

"Solidarity, Equity & Inclusion: Are We There Yet?"

October 19, 2021: Attended online UNE covid 19 meeting and report back to members

November 2-3, 2021: PSAC BC Counsel fall meeting for training and learning about the

November 8, 2021: Attended West Fraser Valley Area Council meeting as its Vice President

November 9 & 13: Worked on the National Equity Conference Resolutions as its committee member.

November 15-18, 2021: Attended the first National Executive Meeting. Some trainings were provided along with information on national committees. -Very educative!

November 16, 2021, from 6PM-7:30PM. Celebration of BC Multiculturalism Week organized by racially visible members. Audience was made up of all PSAC members – Event well attended

November 22-28, 2021: Attended National Equity Conference, participated in resolution debates and was in the credential committee.

Nov 23, 2021: Attended UNE members early meeting during the National Equity conference.

November 24, 2021: All local Presidents Conference Steering Committee meeting to brainstorm the theme and activities of the conference. – Very productive meeting.

November 29, 2021: Attended Regional Council meeting: update on vaccine, phoenix and bargaining.

November 30, 2021: Attended Gender Inclusive Training with CLC

December 2-4, 2021: Attended Activist summit: learned a lot about how to engage members in union activities during these difficult moments as well as activism.

December 8, 2021: Mainland Human Rights Committee meeting as its secretary and took notes for the meeting report.

December 9, 2021: Attended my first Community Social Action meeting: lot to learn

December 14, 2021: All Local Presidents Conference Steering committee meeting – more brainstorming on activities, guest speakers and workshops.

December 20, 2021: Local 20278 Executive meeting to determine whether there will be Christmas party and Christmas hampers for needy families or not.

January 6, 2022: Local 20088 meeting with UNE NP and VP to clarify some confusions regarding mandatory vaccine in the passport and immigration office followed by regional executive meeting to debrief.

January 8, 2022: Meeting with the rest of the executive of local 20278 to organize the upcoming AGM

January 10, 2022: Attended All local Presidents Conference Steering committee meeting to continue brainstorming.

January 13, 2022: Organised and attended Racially Visible members caucus meeting to chat about the caucus activities for the year 2022.

January 19, 2022: Represented PSAC at the Community Social Action meeting: the main topic of the meeting was the mandatory vaccine and the anti-vaccine riots among PSAC members and in the community at large.

January 20, 2022: Attended PSAC BC Regional council meeting: Update on bargaining, phoenix damage pay to retirees, PSAC Triennial Convention, and roundtable, and date for PSAC BC regional meeting tentatively scheduled for March.

January 20, 2022: All local BC/Yukon President meetings to update members on mandatory vaccine, Payback letters sent to members due to phoenix damage, bargaining update etc....

January 25, 2022: International Solidarity Committee meeting to discuss ideas on how to bring awareness and educate members on International Solidarity during the PSAC BC convention.

February 3, 2022: BC& Yukon Team meeting to update and catch up with each other.

February 17, 2022: Organised and attended PSAC BC Racially Visible Members Caucus meeting to update on Black History Month celebration and desk drops, and update on the BC Multicultural Week organised November 16, 2021

February 21, 2022: Attended Mainland Human Rights Committee AGM; took meeting notes as secretary and participated in the elections of the officers.

February 24, 2022: Attended Local 20278 meeting to brainstorm on how to engage members to be involved in the union activities.

February 28, 2022: Attended West Fraser Valley Area Council AGM to elect executives. I was acclaimed for a second term as the Vice President of the council.

March 1, 2022: Invited and attended Okanagan Human Rights Committee AGM – Very good to know how others run their meetings and be aware of how we all need to work hard to engage members to local meetings. Attendance that day wasn't the best!

March 8, 2022: Attended All local Presidents Conference Steering committee meeting

March 24, 2022: Attended PSAC Regional council meeting: Update on bargaining, phoenix damage, PSAC Triennial Convention online, and date confirmed for PSAC BC regional council meeting for May 5-6, 2022 in Victoria, BC

March 31, 2022: Meeting with Varinder Johal, Regional Rep, for advice and brainstorm on organizing and celebrating Asian Heritage Month in May. From the discussions a call out was sent to racially visible members for a creation of a steering committee to plan and organize Asian Heritage Month. Stay tuned for more details!

In Solidarity,

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