

**Annie Noël**  
**Member at Large Report**  
**(January 1 to March 31, 2018)**

The beginning of 2018 has been eventful for me. Let me share some of my highlights.

**January 27, 2018 NCR Regional Council Meeting**

I attended the meeting which was held at the Ottawa Marriott Hotel (100 Kent Street, Ottawa). The meeting was a good meeting with healthy discussions and information sharing. I presented my second Member at large report. It was a great forum for networking and discovery.

**Worker's History Museum (WHM) Board**

The committee meets once a month to discuss the everyday business, funding and the upcoming projects and events of the WHM. They are seeking support from various sources to continue build on the work they have accomplished in the recent years. I have attended 3 meeting this year (January 22, February 19 and March 19). I was also re-elected in the PSAC institutional board member on the WHM council at the WHM AGM March 5, 2018.

**National Capital Region Council (NCRC) meeting and Retreat (March)**

The council had a retreat March 17-18, 2018 and a NCRC meeting (March 18 in the afternoon). I supported the regional office with the retreat planning and participated in the development of the NCR Strategic Plan. It was a good experience and team building exercise. Together we are stronger.

**Steward Network (February 12, 2018)**

I joined the steward initiative group in the summer of 2017. I was very pleased to see the session moving ahead smoothly. I was able to attend the first Stewards' Network session on February 12, 2018. It was a good first meeting. The group will be meeting soon to work on the next Steward initiatives. I would like to thank the event organizers for all their hard work and I would like to remind everyone that we are open to new ideas to strengthen the steward network.

**National Bargaining Conference (March 26-29, 2018)**

I participated in the 2018 National Bargaining Conference held at the Westin Hotel. It was a great forum for networking, growth, self-awareness, reflection and much more. The session was filled with motivating speakers, information sessions, workshops and more. It was a wonderful event and I learned so much about where I see myself in bargaining in the future.

### **Phoenix Rally February 28, 2018**

I attended the February 28, 2018 Phoenix Rally at 90 Elgin Street in support of the PSAC pressure demanding the government to take action. This has gone on long enough, things have to change and come to an end.

### **CLC Lobby day (February 6-7, 2018)**

I participated in my first CLC Lobby day. I had the opportunity to meet and network with several MPs to discuss various topics including Pharmacare, \$ 15 Minimum wage, Pay Equity Legislation, Employment Insurance, Pensions and Phoenix. I encourage everyone to participate in the future.

### **Training for development**

I believe that we are always evolving and growing and that personal development is very important. In this quarter I attended the following training sessions to better myself for the membership and my role as an activist. (Art of Argument (January 22), Grievance Handling (March 9-10) and I will be taking the Advanced Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) Training (April 9-12)). I will always continue to develop to myself.

### **Regional Committees**

I have increased my participation in several committee meetings including Education, OHS, MDAC, women's and I was elected as the Secretary of the CRAPO council. My participation in these committees helps me support my role as a member at large.

### **International Day for Eliminating Racial Discrimination (RVAC) (March 21, 2018)**

I was unable to attend the event as I had a conflict with another union meeting. I offered support by baking some shortbread for the event.

These experiences have pushed me to use my strengths to help the union movement, surround myself with a group of activists with a wealth of knowledge and experiences to make me a better person/member.

Thank you all for this wonderful opportunity!

Sincerely,

Annie Noël