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**Separate Employers Report**  
**PSAC NCR 2017**

Our Separate Employer's Conference was held on Saturday October 21, 2017 in the J.K. Wylie room at 233 Gilmour Street in Ottawa. Our facilitators were Raphaëlle Valay-Nadeau (Ottawa Regional Representative) and Pierre Lebel (NCR Education Officer).

We had many new participants and our morning consisted of Raphaëlle Valay-Nadeau and Pierre Lebel providing the structure and hierarchy of PSAC.

We had a working lunch with Morgan Gay (PSAC Negotiator) providing information on how to bargain with your employer and make gains for your membership. We had a great afternoon workshop and did some networking. At the end of the afternoon workshop, our REVP Greg McGillis provided an update/report on all he has been involved with since his election in May 2017. To finish off the day, we had guest speaker Éric Hébert-Daly from Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) with a wonderful and informative Powerpoint presentation and discussion.

I attended the National Leadership Training held November 30, 2017 to December 3, 2017. There were some great workshops during the days with great participation. Many opportunities for networking.

I attended the PSAC 2017 International Human Rights Day Celebration on December 10, 2017 held at 233 Gilmour Street. There were three guest speakers including a question/answer period with Khalid M. Elgazzar (Human Rights Lawyer); Larry Rousseau (Executive Vice-President CLC) and Jennifer Howard (Executive Director PSAC).

I attended Executive Council on December 4, 2017 at 233 Gilmour Street. There was much discussion concerning taxi expenses, existing Committees and Finance Committee.