

Annie Noël
Member at Large Report
(September 1 to December 22, 2017)

As many of you know, this last year has been very challenging for me, both personally and professionally. Thank you to all of you who have supported me during these difficult times. Despite these obstacles, I have pushed through and pushed on stronger than ever.

Fall has been very eventful for me. Let me share some of my highlights.

September 23, 2017 NCR Regional Council Meeting

I attended the meeting which was held at the Hilton Lac Lemay. The meeting was a good meeting with healthy discussions and information sharing. I presented my first Member at large report. It was a great forum for networking and discovery.

Worker's History Museum (WHM) Board

I was appointed the PSAC board member on the WHM committee on October 16, 2017. 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 (October 16, November 27 and December 18). I am hoping to get even more involved in the New Year.

National Capital Region Council (NCRC) meetings (October and December)

The council has had 2 meetings this fall (October 2 and December 4). I participated in both meetings and have worked to move our member's agenda forward and to be their voice. I have also played the liaison between union members and the Regional office on a few files including C-27. Together we are stronger.

Steward Initiative (November 16-17, 2017)

I joined the steward initiative group in the summer of 2017. I was very pleased to see the session go ahead smoothly. I was unfortunately unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances. We will be meeting soon to work on the next initiative. I would like to thank the event organizers for all their hard work.

Leadership Summit (November 30-December 3, 2017)

I participated in the 2017 Leadership Summit. 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 myself at this session.

Taxi Working Group (WG)

I was selected to be part of the WG to review the policy on travel within headquarters for union business. I reviewed the PSAC policies & regulations and provided my WG colleagues my research for our first meeting December 4th, 2017. It was a good first meeting, but there is still much work to be done. We will be seeking additional input from various sources to ensure we capture the full picture of the issue and provide options which will meet everyone's needs.

Union Developmental Program (UDP) 2017 Completion

I had begun my UDP journey in January 2017 and ended October 29, 2017. This developmental program was an eye opener and really pushes its participants to discover more about themselves & others. Pushes them outside their comfort zone and provides tools and resources to make the union journey work for each individual. I would like to thank all my hosts for this training (Raphaëlle, Anna and Normand) and the participants, who enriched my world, it was an amazing journey and I hope to make you all proud, moving forward.

December 6th, 2017: National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

I attended the vigil in Minto Park and Jack Purcell Community Centre along with many brothers and sisters, to mark the 28th anniversary of the Montreal Massacre, where 14 young women were killed at l'Ecole Polytechnique and all injustices women may have experienced. The Ottawa Rape Crisis Centre and other partners were on site to raise awareness on the issue. It was also, my pleasure to bake some goodies for the event.

December 10th, 2017: International Human Rights Day Celebration:

The Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC) in partnership with the PSAC NCR equity committees hosted this event at the PSAC Headquarters, 233 Gilmour St., JK Wyllie Boardroom. I prepared some goodies for the event at the request of Rhea Sandy.

December 16th, 2017 : Aboriginal Action Circle (AAC) Seasonal Lunch

We (Cory Beauregard and I) prepared 2 turkeys, soup, pie, cranberry sauce and drippings to support the AAC with the Seasonal Lunch they were hosting at the Odawa Native Friendship Centre, located at 510 Rideau Street, for those in need of a helping hand. I really enjoyed helping others and would encourage everyone to do their part in the future.

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