

MEMBER UPDATE

CONVENTION REPORT - NOVEMBER 2017

NSUPE's biennial Convention was held on November 17 and 18 at the Quality Inn Halifax Airport, in support of NSUPE Local 17 members who are employed as attendants and guest service representatives.

On Friday, Christina and Lindsay from Conciliation and Mediation Services helped attendees identify communication barriers and best practices. In the afternoon, Angela Scammell led a session on membership engagement in which attendees were reminded that engagement does not drive value. Value drives engagement.

On Saturday, outgoing President, Joe Kaiser reported on the changes that have occurred over the last two years which included the long-awaited conclusion of the Local 19 strike, new NSUPE staff being hired, a logo redesign, and added exposure in the community through attendance at local events and the creation of a television commercial that has aired on CTV.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Elections for the table officer positions were held on Saturday, November 18. The results of the elections are as follows:

President: Josh Mullins (Local 2)
Vice-President: Shelby Kennedy (Local 14)
Treasurer: Tanya Herrell (Local 19)
Secretary: Michael Aucoin (Local 2)

Following the election of the table officers, Ross McKay (Local 2), Chad Murphy (Local 14) and Art Bouman (Local 14) were elected to the Finance Committee.

After Convention was adjourned, NSUPE's Executive Council met briefly and elected Melanie Gerrior (Local 13) and Catherine Old (Local 15) to act as Council Committee alongside the table officers. Council Committee is charged with the responsibility of dealing with the affairs of the Union between Executive Council meetings.

Special thanks go out to NSUPE's outgoing officers: Joe Kaiser, President; Dee Vipond, Treasurer; and Claudia MacFarlane, Secretary.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is an honour and privilege to begin my term as President of NSUPE. For those of you who do not know me, let me start by introducing myself. My name is Josh Mullins and I am a custodian for the Halifax Regional School Board (Local 2). I am also the newly elected Secretary for the Canadian Confederation of Unions. I live in Sackville, Nova Scotia with my wife Lindsay and four children; Emily, Thomas, Lilyanna, and Logan.

It is my hope that during my term, NSUPE will continue to grow and strengthen existing ties that outgoing President, Joe Kaiser and Executive Council have worked so hard to form. Over the next few weeks, I will be working closely with Shelby, Michael, Tanya and Executive Council to identify our priorities moving forward. Please feel free to contact me at mullinsjj77@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like to get more involved with the Union.

In solidarity,

Josh Mullins
President

NSUPE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday, December 9; 5:00 pm to 1:00 am
Mic Mac Aquatic Club; 192 Prince Albert Road, Dartmouth.

Join us for a light supper, door prizes, and a dance. This is a great opportunity to meet folks from your Local and other Locals within NSUPE to celebrate over 40 years of unity and fellowship. To reserve your tickets in advance, please contact Melissa Morse at nsupe@ns.sympatico.ca or call (902) 422-9495. Payment for tickets will be accepted at the door. Tickets are \$5.00 each. One guest per NSUPE member. Note that Melissa is in the office Monday to Friday from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

[Click here to download a poster for your office.](#)

ADVOCATE TRAINING

Friday, December 8; 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Brightwood Golf & Country Club; 227 School Street, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

The introductory advocate training session in December is now full. Please contact Melissa Morse at nsupe@ns.sympatico.ca to have your name put on a waiting list for the next session.

NSUPE'S WEBSITE

We're currently working on launching an updated version of the existing NSUPE website at www.NSUPE.com.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

Check out photos from Convention, the latest news articles, and upcoming events on NSUPE's Facebook page at www.Facebook.com/NovaScotiaUnion.