

President's Report Sept 17 – Oct 22, 2015

September	17	Office Day CUPE Local 2081 General Meeting
	18	Office Day United Way Kick-Off Fundraiser
	21-25	Away for work Recruiting
	26-30	Holidays
October	1-12	Holidays
	15-16	CUPE BC One Big Committee Meeting in Vancouver
	19	Holiday
	20	Office Day, Labour/Management Co-operation Committee preparation United Way Pancake Breakfast
	22	Office Day, General Meeting, Labour Management Meeting

Greetings to you all!

As I was away for a good portion of this reporting period, my report is a little sparse.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Sister Dawn Svendsen, Chief Shop Steward & Office Coordinator, and Keith Todd, Vice-President for their work while I was away.

For your information, both Brother Todd and myself were selected to sit on CUPE BC Committees. Brother Todd was selected to sit on the Political Action Committee while I was selected to sit on both the Colleges and Anti-Contracting Out Committees. These are two year appointments and will stand down after the 2017 CUPE BC Convention. All committees met on October 15-16 at the Sheraton Airport Hotel in Richmond to look at the CUPE BC Action Plan adopted at the last CUPE BC Convention and plan for the upcoming two years.

Of note, while attending the Colleges Committee meeting, the other CUPE Colleges were putting pressure on me to bring Camosun back to the CUPE Colleges British Columbia committee. This is the bargaining arm of the Colleges sector. As you may remember, the CUPE 2081 membership voted to opt out of both CCBC and CISSBA in this last round of bargaining for a variety of reasons – primarily because we thought we could do better at the bargaining table on our own. If you were at the ratification meeting, you would have heard how we did achieve those goals. I would like each of you to understand that we will not be sitting at either of those tables unless I get the mandate from you, the membership.

On a personal note, the United Way campaign is coming to its end on October 30. There is still time to donate so we can meet the targeted goal.

In Solidarity,

Tony Nelson, President
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Camosun College Support Staff