

EXECUTIVE REPORT – EDUCATION

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Greetings,

I am excited to be your elected Education Coordinator! There is still work to be done on this important portfolio and I am looking forward to continuing to assist our members in gaining access to the fund. There were over 750 applications for *Staff Development* funding for the year 2015-2016! This is an incredible number but the fund can sustain more. If you are thinking about an activity but you aren't sure if it would be considered, please contact me. I am always happy to help answer questions and can assist with filling out applications. The swath of activities is truly incredible. I have seen requests for funding for cheese making, swimming lessons, fly fishing, language development, master programs and more. The recreation and course options are almost limitless but some rules apply. When in doubt, please feel free to ask me in advance. Unfortunately, we have not been able to turn the Employer to our way of thinking and we have yet to be able to achieve full reimbursement for those members that were denied based on the fiscal deadline. It is my hope that we will still be able to find a positive resolution. As always, I remain hopeful.

With the help of our Chief Shop Steward and CUPE BC, we will be hosting a *Retirement Seminar* on June 9th&10th. The Employer agreed to cover the cost of wages for one day and our members will be expected to utilize vacation/LWP or another option for the other day. The positive response has been encouraging and we will make every effort to offer this well received workshop in the fall. The *Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction* Workshop was filled within 48 hours! This is an amazing response. As well the *Leading Effective Teams Workshop* has room for two more before a waitlist is started. If you are interested, confirm with your workplace supervisor and then sign up. Registration is open via the Centre for Learning and Teaching.

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