

### AGM REPORT – MEMBER AT LARGE

**March 16, 2021**

Greetings CUPE 2081 Members,

Since I was elected to the Member-At-Large executive position last July and with the added stress of the Global Pandemic, Members have experienced things we never thought we would have to. This has been a very challenging time for workers, communities, countries and the global population. Mental Health challenges have been increased by the current pandemic and with that comes more members reaching out for support. I've been working hard to support members who may be struggling and not sure where to turn. To provide information on services and supports available through our collective agreement.

Over the past year I have also been working with members who are faced with Layoff's. Due to a reduction in work because of the pandemic, some areas of the College issued layoff notices to our members. To add to the stress of the pandemic some of our members had to deal with losing their jobs. My role is to support and advocate for members who have been issued a layoff and ensure their rights have not been violated.

Some of the other areas I have been involved with include but are not limited to; Respect in the Workplace, Sick Leave entitlement, Working Remotely and Regularization issues. The best part of my role is talking with members, answering questions or just listening when someone needs support.

Vaccination is on the horizon which lends hope for all that life will return to some type of normal in the near future. A normal where we can be together in person, see our friends and hug our loved ones again. WE can do this, and together, we will get through this. I wish you all good health and be safe.

In solidarity,

Shirley Wendland  
Member At Large, CUPE Local 2081