



Mobile Crisis

Regina Mobile Crisis Services workers have given their negotiating committee a strike mandate.

One of their key outstanding issues is not monetary, but simply a scheduling decision.

During weekdays, one Crisis Worker is left to work alone, fielding about 30% of the calls that the agency receives. This doesn't include walk-ins or face-to-face contacts.

As a result of working alone, crisis workers are faced with ethical dilemmas around prioritizing people in crisis, and sometimes calls go unanswered.

There will be another info picket to support crisis workers today from 12:20 - 12:40 pm. Come out and show your support!



SGEU History:

Convention 1984: Social worker Barb Byers is elected as SGEU's first (and so far only) female president. Byers led SGEU in a "Fight Back" campaign against the anti-labour government of the day, and championed the rights of women and other under-represented workers. In 1988, she left the SGEU presidency to become president of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

SGEU Nominations

President

Mary Ann Harrison
Bob Bymoen
Tina Vuckovic

SFL V.P.

Tanya Buchinski
Kim Nordmarken

SFL V.P. Alt.

Sheena Yew
Bea Fecke

NUPGE V.P.

Carol Yuzik
Carson Poitras
Tracey Sauer
Bob Stadnichuk

NUPGE V.P. Alt.

Lovyl Zweifel
Bonnie Bond

Board of Trustees (3)

Bob Stadnichuk
Jack Lee
Kim Nordmarken
Mac Trost

Board of Trustees Alt.

Bonnie Erikson

This was our second and final call for nominations.

We thank the candidates who put their names forward, and encourage spirited and respectful debate about ideas, vision, and direction of the union.

Resolutions

Yesterday's resolutions included important discussion on how our union works. We decided to improve accountability by amending the oath of office.

We also decided that there would be no change to the initiation fees and sector per capita rebates.

We encourage first time delegates to continue to get up to the mic, state their last name and local, and not walk away right after they are done speaking because they might be called on for clarification. Own the mic. Take the space. You have new ideas and we want to hear them.

Interview: Terri Ulman

Terri Ulman is the newest member of the Life Members table.

Terri's involvement in SGEU is a common story.

"Bad management made for a strong union at my workplace," she said. "I saw the problems around me, and I was frustrated by the way I was treated, and I decided not to take it anymore."

With the help of mentors and leaders in her union, Terri filed a grievance and had a successful outcome.

"And then I got hooked," she said.

Terri saw how the union had the ability to fight for the rights of working people, and saw how it could help the people around her.

"I met smart people through the union who I didn't always agree with, but we came at it from the point of view of wanting to learn from each other and try new strategies."

"If you are the kind of person who likes to learn new things, then the union movement is for you."

Upon receiving her Lifetime Member status, Terri reflected upon the role of the Lifetime Members that attend Convention.

"When the younger members get all caught up in this or that; when there's a question of what to do and how to do it, Lifetime Members can get up and talk about the history of the issue."

"In that sense, we carry a bigger picture vision of the union movement and the challenges these people face today."



Upstream Thinking

As a doctor, Ryan Meili sees patients for their health issues. But instead of treating the symptoms, this doctor has started thinking about the cure.

Whether it's housing insecurity, food insecurity, or self-medication, some of the key issues of poverty are the upstream issues of fair wages and cost of living wages.

Anything below cost of living wages leads to a host of social outcomes that tend to cost our society much more to treat than to cure.

Meili encouraged SGEU delegates to consider upstream thinking-- that ultimately the fight is about setting a standard of living and working to achieve that standard.

Meili wants the union movement to think about our stories-- stories about ourselves and our calls to leadership, stories about our collective struggle, stories about the present issues and why they matter.

If you feel compelled to share your origin story as a union organizer, please sign up for an interview with Evie Ruddy in the Elm Room.



SGEU fashion

Seriously, people. If you had to pick an outfit of the day, which one would you pick?

Such is the dilemma for Muna de Ciman, organizer extraordinaire. Do you wear the red dress for the Silent Witness project? The blue dress for the Women's Luncheon? Or the Blue sweater for the rest of the day?

Why not wear all of them? Why limit yourself to one colour, one pattern, one mode of expression through the day? Why limit yourself when you have a few extra outfits in your bag?

Stay tuned for Muna's next outfits!