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5 The President's -MINUTE UPDATE



Michelle Gawronsky

At the 2018 Convention

MEET YOUR 2018-2020 MGEU EXECUTIVE

This past spring, members from across the province elected nearly 400 delegates to attend the biennial MGEU Convention on their behalf. October 18th through 21st, these delegates elected the union's leadership and set the strategic direction for the next two years. More than half of delegates were attending their first Convention to experience their union's democracy in action!



Michelle Gawronsky was elected to her fourth term as MGEU President.

1st V-P Charlotte McWilliams

A Correctional Officer from Brandon, Charlotte served as 4th V-P from 2016-2018.



2nd V-P: Douglas Troke

An auditor with Manitoba Taxation from Boissevain, Doug was acclaimed and will continue to chair the union's Finance Committee.

3rd V-P: Shelley Wiggins

A Social Services Worker from Minitona, Shelley was re-elected and will continue as chair of the Member Education Committee.



4th V-P: Ed Miller

An assistant manager at the Portage Liquor Mart, Ed has been a long-time MGEU Board and Committee member.

Welcome to the November edition!

Here's what's been happening in and around our union in the last month.

If you have any questions, please get a hold of me through our Resource Centre (204-982-6438 or 1-866-982-6438) or e-mail me at president@mgeu.ca.

In Your Workplace



LET'S HEAR IT FOR HCSS!

Over 8,000 MGEU health care support workers were recognized with their own week in mid-October, giving their union a chance to salute those who don't always receive the recognition they deserve, but are absolutely vital to the day-to-day quality of health care for all Manitobans.

PINELAND SHOULD REMAIN PUBLIC!

To date, 1,400 Manitobans have signed onto MGEU's online petition to keep the our reforestation nursery public!

MEET YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS!

Did you know that at mgeu.ca, we regularly post interviews with members from a variety of MGEU workplaces? This month, we profile Kerri Smith, a Support Worker at Main Street Project - Local 136.



AT THE BARGAINING TABLE

WITH POSTAL STRIKE, E-MAIL COMMUNICATION BECOMES KEY

In solidarity with the Cdn Union of Postal Workers, the MGEU has not been posting any mail over the last few weeks. That means meeting notices for bargaining proposal and ratification meetings have been going out



via email or postings in workplaces. As long as the strike continues, we ask all members who receive an emailed meeting notice to:

- mention when and where the meeting is taking place to co-workers who may not have received the email;
- forward the email to co-workers who may not be in the MGEU database.

Together, we can ensure everyone has a say in their new collective agreement!

In the Public Eye

CUTS TO CIVIL SERVICE HURT US ALL

On Oct. 1, in response to the Civil Service Commission annual report showing government had already reduced the size of Manitoba's civil service by 1,100 positions, I told the **Wpg Free Press** that this is no surprise to us. For months, MGEU members throughout the province have been pointing out ways vital services are suffering due to staff shortages.

SHERIFFS: DIALOGUE NEEDED TO ADDRESS RISKS

On Oct. 2, I told the **CBC** that a risk assessment report put together by sheriffs from across the province should be evaluated before any changes are made. The report, which outlined a number of safety concerns, must lead to a re-opening of dialogue with the employer, the members and the union because talking about security

solutions in public can undermine their effectiveness.

METH CRISIS: GOV MUST ADDRESS SECURITY NOW

After CBC released video of a patient attacking three security officers and a nurse, I told the **Wpg Free Press**, **Global**, and **CBC**, that given the increasing risks, security personnel must be trained and equipped with peace officer status ASAP.

On Oct. 18, I told the **CBC** that hiring a hospital security officer without clarifying when and how that officer can step in to confront dangerous situations does little to address safety in our hospitals.

BRANDON SUN GIVES MGEU ELECTIONS SOME INK

On Oct. 24, the **Brandon Sun** spoke with Charlotte McWilliams and Doug Troke, our two newly-elected MGEU vice-presidents from Westman, and allowed me as president to reiterate our union's steadfast commitment to protect the public services we all count on.

At the Leg

BUDGET 2019: TIME TO KEEP ELECTION PROMISES

On Oct. 25, I was joined by fellow MGEU members to present our union's recommendations for the 2019 Provincial budget.

We reminded government that when asked their preference – tax cuts or services – Manitobans choose public services. That's also what Premier Pallister promised in the 2016 election: to protect services and the people who provide them. In 2019, it's time to halt the cuts and do what Manitobans elected them to do.

The Big Picture

LEADING THE WAY IN ACCESSIBILITY



Over the past several months, our union has made several changes to improve accessibility, including eliminating any barriers in our offices and updating mgeu.ca to include an Accessibility Page. That's where you'll find our new Policy and Plan for leading the way when it comes to access for all.

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