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Newsletter of the Selkirk College Faculty Association

Welcome Back Everyone!

This fall has seen everyone hit the ground running as we all launch ourselves into a new term of students, classes and various obligations and activities.

The SCFA Executive will continue to keep the membership up to date on various situations of interest and importance to members through this newsletter. Please feel free to use this forum as an opportunity to share insights and inspirations you may have as the year unfolds. To that end, please feel free to send Doug Henderson information you wish to have included in the newsletter.

-Sally Glock, Past VP Liaison.

SCFA Executive Updates

Recent events and our April AGM resulted in some changes to our Executive and Standing Committee memberships.

Your SCFA Executive membership consists of:

President: Doug Henderson

VP Contract Negotiations: Lui Marinelli

VP Liaison: To be decided

Treasurer: John Stegman

College Board Observer : replacement for Pat

Retirement Issues Officer: Ross Bates

VP Negotiations: Doug Henderson ?

Secretary: Bev Onischak

Reps to SCFA Standing Committees:

We are pleased to continue with our dedicated representatives as well as welcoming new members.

Human Rights:

Disability Management Rehab: Linda Gomez, Sally Glock

Occupational Health & Safety: Rob McRae

Status of Women: Janet Mayr, Leanne Reitan

Education Policy: Don Parks

Employee Family Assistance: Deb Wandler, and:

Status of Non-regular Faculty: Ian Parfitt

Professional Development: Rita Williams

News from the Front Line

A Word From Our New President

Well, you just never know how things are going to go in a person's life...one day there you are minding your own business as VP

Negotiations, then you are are elected VP Liaison..... and the next thing you know, "Bam!" you find yourself sitting in the President's chair!!

Although it will be difficult to fill Tracy's shoes as president, I will do my best.

I am pleased to report that the Collective Agreement for March 31st 2007-March 31st 2010 has been completed except for a few details to be confirmed.

We have also been working on a new website image for the SCFA which is planned to be more comprehensive in the information it offers members. Standby!

Congratulations

To the SCOPE Award Winners!

The Standing Committee on Professional Excellence has completed its deliberations for the 2006/2007 academic year.

It is our pleasure to congratulate our colleagues **Lori Barkley, Garth Forsyth, Toni Hoyland, John Josafatow, Jose Padilla, Pete Schroder** and **Brendan Wilson** for their outstanding Long Term Exceptional Performance and devotion to their profession!

Details and an invitation to our celebration to honor their achievements will be coming soon

FPSE AGM and Convention

This year the FPSE AGM was hosted by College of the Rockies Faculty Association in Cranbrook May16-17th 2007

Delegates in attendance from Selkirk College included Bev Onischak, Doug Henderson, **Leanne Reitan?, John Stegman?** Liz Ball was in attendance as the FPSE Chair of the Human Rights and Solidarity Committee.

Delegates were able to attend their choice of workshops reinforcing their common experience as union members. .

Workshops offered included: : International Worker Solidarity, Economic Inequality and the Minimum wage, Emerging Trends and the Evolution of English, Socially responsible

Investing, Paying the Price for Energy Privatization in BC, Escalating Health care Costs and Privatization, Organizing for Union renewal, Women and Political Action, Becoming Cancer Smart and Toxin Free in todays world, Introduction To Union Counselling.

One of the Keynote speakers at this AGM was Micheal Geist , a law professor from the University of Ottawa who spoke about the need to scrutinize any upcoming “reform’ to copyright legislation and who urged delegates to work for changes to the legislation that are supportive of educators.

Liz Ball, the Chair of the Human Rights and Solidarity Committee wrote a detailed report on a copyright resolution that was put forth and passed by her committee.

This resolution required the FPSE to send a letter to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, the Minister of Industry, and to the Standing Committee on Canadian Heritage stating that educators want and need an expanded definition of “fair dealing” so that teaching and learning are included and that copyright reforms do not unduly restrict access to digital materials through digital rights management.

Further details and information on this and other actions taken at the AGM by this committee can be found on our SCFA website

“Once expanded to the dimensions of a larger idea, the mind never returns to its original size.”

- Oliver Wendall Holmes