

Part-time Vice Presidents' Report for the 2023 Annual General Meeting

This last year has brought a significant deep dive into the inter-workings of PIPSC and trying to ensure we have a good grasp on the services we need to provide and the resources we need to deliver those services. As part-time Vice Presidents, it can be very challenging juggling our commitments, but our dedication has brought forward positive changes within our assigned portfolios. The year saw VP Frechette's work updating our by-laws and policies. A lot of work has been done, in collaboration with the BLPC, to review and recommend the approval of policy changes and of constituent body by-laws (please see the BLPC report for more information). She worked on the planning of our four-day PIPSC Convention 2023, which includes our Annual General Meeting (AGM). As well as working with the Resolution Sub-committee to examine all proposed resolutions for the Annual General Meeting, assisting the head table, to ensure a successful event.

After the hiring of the National Steward Officer, we, as VPs, were able to work with Judith LeBlanc in ensuring notable actions took place to move the steward framework as planned. Important work was carried out in co-development with staff; the Training, Education and Mentoring Committee; and Regional Directors.

Last spring saw VP Henshaw travel to northern Manitoba to support and see the working conditions of Northern Nurses and the issues they deal with on a regular basis. We continue to work with the Indigenous Services Canada Consultation President to bring these issues to the forefront for resolution.

Early summer brought mediation meetings with Treasury Board representative of contracting out grievances with the IT Group resulting in a clear message from Treasury Board that hearings would need to be scheduled for eight grievances for this to see a resolution. The first hearing was scheduled for November 2023. We were able to bring reports to our Working Group of Consultation ensuring that the departmental Presidents are aware of the monies spent on contracts for the professions carried out by our members.

The work of Part-time Vice Presidents is dynamic, and this past year was no different when dealing with issues brought to us through members directly, through the Advisory Council, through Groups, and consultation. We attended various meetings including the Public Service Joint Advisory Council meetings as well as representing PIPSC at the CLC convention.

We are dedicated to representing the interests of our membership and will continue to carry out our duties and responsibilities to the best of our ability. We want you to know you may reach out to either of us at anytime with questions or seeking assistance.

Your Part-time Vice Presidents,

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