

## **NATIONAL EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE CALL NOTES**

**Held Tuesday, March 31, 2020**  
**from 7:00 p.m. to 8: 30 p.m.**

### **PRESENT WERE**

Kevin King, National President  
Andrew Shaver, National Executive Vice-President  
Daniel Toutant, National Vice-President for Human Rights  
Angela Decker, Regional Vice-President, Atlantic  
Diane Levola, Regional Vice-President, Ontario  
Yvon Beaudoin, Regional Vice-President, Quebec  
Patrice Rémillard, Regional Vice-President, NCR (SE)  
Virginia Noble, Regional Vice-President, Ottawa (TB)  
Cindy D'Alessio, Regional Vice-President, Gatineau (TB)  
Martin Kaminski, Regional Vice-President, Manitoba  
Jaison Van Tine, Regional Vice-President, Alberta, NWT and Nunavut  
Shirley Torres, Regional Vice-President, BC and Yukon  
Rose Touhey, Regional Vice-President, Outside Canada  
Franco Picciano, Director Member Services and Labour Relations  
Georges St-Jean, Director of Administration and Finance  
Greg McNamara, Communications & Research Officer  
Aurelie McDonald, Communications & Research Officer  
Ateau Zola, Assistant to the National Executive and Human Rights Committee

### **REGRETS**

Sandra Ahenakew, Regional Vice-President, Saskatchewan

### **President's remarks:**

Please be prepared that there will be several motions, probably in late April, to look at options with respect to postponing Convention.

We have a date of no return for Component staff of about April 24<sup>th</sup>, in order to meet obligations for June Committee meetings, otherwise, we must look at later this fall, or in 2021, and only if conference space is available.

A postponement will mean that the National Executive will have to suspend certain UNE Bylaws and propose a different process for conventions then ever attempted before; probably 4 or 5 motions in late April.

### **NBoD meeting Highlights:**

The National President is meeting with TB to discuss any difficulties in federal jurisdictions with applications of code 699 leave for those not deemed to be within Indispensable Positions. (it is noted that Indispensable translate well in French, but the word "critical" in English is being translated as "critical" in French) ...this is part of the overall direction of the Office of the Chief Human Resource Officer) – OCHRO.

Any discrepancy should be referenced locally and escalate it through your region, and then our national contacts. If no resolve at our national end, we are moving all unresolved matters to OCHRO.

**Component Conventions:**

At least 5 components have indicated that they are in preliminary discussions to postpone their respective Component Conventions.

**PSAC Regional Conventions:**

They are still working on the PSAC Regional Convention scenarios, but it has become clear that these conventions will not be 2 and a half day conventions in any of the 7 PSAC Regions.

They are looking at the way of conducting Convention business and the issue of elections of positions like REVPs, Alternate NEVP, and Regional Councils can occur, by way of electronic means.

A brief update came in from Component Presidents.

**Future NBOD Motions:**

Will have to be given several days in advance, for the purposes of translation and sent out to Board members, to review any elements of resolutions at this period in time associated with COVID-19.

NBoD calls will continue every week, until further notified by decision of the NBOD.

**Reports of the Regions:**

Update from all Executive Officers.

**Reports of Staff:**

Update on COVID-19 and Component Operations.

Update on urgent Operational Matters.

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 7, 2020.