

RTU Newsletter



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- ◇ *Protection and advancement of the professional, social, and economic welfare of its members.*
- ◇ *Promotion of research and innovation in the field of education.*

MOVEMBER

Movember is upon us, and it's that time of year where men everywhere are growing whiskers to help change the face of men's health. Again this year, I have joined the QPAT team Nick Ross (CVTA), Ray Venables (ESTA) and Robert Fuchs (QPAT) to raise awareness and funds. So, if you would like to donate to a worthy cause got to Mobro.co/Slesueurrtu.com
Thank you for your support!

DEMONSTRATION

There is a demonstration against austerity on November 29th, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. It will leave from Dorchester Square ending at the Premiers office on McGill College. RTU and QPAT members should meet at the Bell Center for 12:30 pm. RTU members be sure you come to see me. Bring your membership card.

CONVENTION

Our Provincial Association is 150 years old this year and to celebrate, QPAT has invited Rick Hansen, the 'Man in Motion', to be our keynote speaker.
After the keynote speaker, please join us at the QPAT Social and as usual, RTU members can enjoy free drinks by seeing myself or other RTU executive members for tickets. Membership card is required.

NEGOTIATIONS AND ACTIONS

Our deposit was made on October 30th, 2014. We are now awaiting for the Government to reply. In the meantime, QPAT is organizing a series of Actions, that the membership indicated were appropriate. We need to support our negotiators and let our government know we mean business when the time comes to negotiate!
More information to come on the Actions.

DELEGATES WORKSHOP

We had our annual Delegates Workshop at Le Château Bromont on October 24-25. The topics discussed were: Governing Boards, Mobilization, History of Unionism and finally, a look at negotiations. Our workshop was well attended and very productive. Thank you to the delegates who gave up part of their weekend. As usual, to make our weekend run as smoothly as it does, I love to thank a few people; Terri and Ramona for the gifts, Frank for the Friday night social and Anne for the whole weekend! Excellent job!

STUDENT TEACHER MONEY

With our new Local Agreement you may take two (2) days per year as personal leave if you had a student teacher. I was asked if you could choose to take one day and use the balance of the funds to purchase needed supplies for your classroom. Unfortunately that was not part of our "Entente". At the moment, it is two days or the money to purchase supplies. If there is a demand to change this, we will look at it in the next round of negotiations with our Board.

WORKLOAD

At our last delegates meeting, it was brought to my attention that at some schools, teachers are doing other duties then those specified in their workload. For example; painting, mopping floors, and cleaning. A certain amount is always acceptable, but these jobs should be performed by unionized employees who are responsible for these duties. Please think about the implication before acting.

SCHOOL VISITS

I have started visiting schools, please contact the RTU office to schedule a visit. It will be my pleasure to come visit your school and answer any questions you may have.

Reminder! McGill Seminars are available. Don't forget to access your PIC funds.

Council minutes and Special Needs minutes. Don't forget to forward them to our office and of course, don't forget our website at www.rtu-ser.ca

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A Day Of Remembrance

