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AUCE PROVINCIAL

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All AUCE Locals

Re: Cross-Local Occupational Health & Safety
Committee, 1980/81

Dear Members:

The 7th Annual Convention of AUCE Provincial passed the following resolution:

"AUCE Provincial shall strike a Cross-Local Health and Safety Committee to investigate the occupational health and safety issues that affect university and college employees and to develop policy in regard to this issue, a rep (is to be) elected by each local; and, that the Provincial Association shall oppose any attempt by either the Federal or Provincial governments to undermine policies or programmes in this area; and, the Cross-Local (Occupational Health and Safety) Committee shall report to the Provincial Executive who will publish the findings for the Provincial Association membership."

Your Local Representatives to the Provincial Executive have been asked to announce at the General Membership meetings that nominations are now open for Local Reps on the Cross-Local Occupational Health and Safety Committee.

Some Locals have already done this, and in fact have elected their reps. I have also spoken with Local Executive members and reminded them that the nominations are now open and that the Committee will be starting up very soon.

The first meeting of the CLOH & S Committee will take place on Wednesday, October 15, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. If your local has elected a rep to serve on the Committee please inform them of the first meeting. If your local has any nominees for the Committee, any and all of them are entitled and welcome to attend. While the Convention stipulated that 'a rep' is to be elected, the Committee isn't restricted to that number - although voting will be limited to those elected to represent their respective locals, unless the committee decides otherwise.

Areas of concern to our membership, which I expect will form the basis for research and discussion leading to the policies will undoubtedly include: Stress, back injuries, toxic chemicals in use on the job, safety in the use and maintenance of office equipment and light and heavy machinery, Video Display Terminals, alcoholism on the job, unsafe working conditions and Workers' Compensation Board policy. We will of course investigate Federal and Provincial Legislation affecting all jobs in AUCE's jurisdiction.

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Occupational Health and Safety Committee - con't

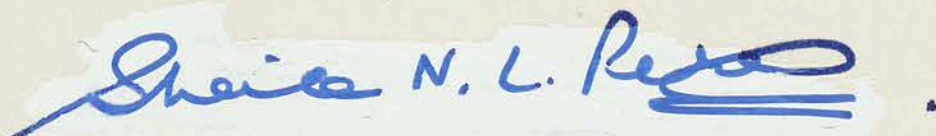
Another area of concern for the Committee might include a cross-local comparison of contract clauses concerning sick-leave benefits, health and dental plans and long-term disability plans available to AUCE members.

Related to the subject of Occupational Health and Safety are the following events that might be of interest to the AUCE membership; please announce them:

1. Labour Studies Course at Capilano College - ISSUES IN OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY: Starts September 23, ends October 28. (Tuesdays) 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union, 4371 Fraser Street, Vancouver; \$9.50 for 6 sessions. Craig Paterson, lawyer. Call 986-1911, ext. 334 and talk to Local 4 member Susan Sanderson to confirm the details of the programme. Out of town members could write to the College, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, for materials and references related to the course if unable to attend.
* AUCE Provincial has a policy of subsidising the course fee for AUCE members - contact Sheila Perret, 684-2457 for details.
2. Public Series on Occupational Health, offered by Women's Action on Occupational Health, c/o Vancouver Women's Health Collective, 1501 West Broadway, Vancouver. SERIES DATES: October 15, 22 and 29. CLERICAL WORKERS OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY night is October 29. General issue of women and occupational health and safety, with film, 'Working for Your Life', on October 15. PESTICIDES - FARMWORKERS night will be October 22. Phone Melanie Conn @ 736-6696 for further information. (evening series)
3. BACK INJURY AND DISEASE SEMINAR, sponsored by the British Columbia Chiropractic Association, advertised as of interest to Labour and Industry, and will present programs of prevention and efficient treatment of back injuries. Thursday, September 25, 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Four Seasons Hotel, Vancouver. Phone 278-3505 for further information.
4. Women's Bureau, Federal Department of Labour is sponsoring a conference: THE IMPACT OF MICRO-ELECTRONIC AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY ON THE INDUSTRIAL WORK ENVIRONMENT, November 17 & 18, 1980 in Ottawa, Ontario. Day 2 of the conference will be concerned with word-processors, technological change affecting office workers and VIDEO-DISPLAY TERMINALS (V.D.T.'s). Contact Sheila Perret @ Provincial Office for further information, 684-2457.

Again, please encourage members to come to the Committee meeting even if they are not elected reps - there's much information to exchange and we'll probably end up with the kind of research and resources that will result in strong policy, and eventually improved contract language to benefit the entire membership. See you on October 15th!

In Solidarity,



Sheila N.L. Perret, Secretary-Treasurer