



association of university and college employees

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Dear Ms. Kyle,

The decision to endorse Operation Solidarity was made at the July 28, 1983 General Membership Meeting. Ten days notice of motion was duly given. As a non-affiliate of the BC Federation of Labour, one of the conditions of our joining Operation Solidarity was the payment of 'an amount equal to the Federation monthly per capita' (point 4 of the Operation Solidarity Program of Action, included in the notice of motion). This money was to go into a defense fund administered by Operation Solidarity, and used for the purposes of fighting the 'attack of government on social, economic, human and trade union rights' (point 2). The executive felt that this endorsement was appropriate, given the fact that our entire membership, as individuals, are being adversely effected by this legislation, and that collectively our effectiveness, one might say our very existence, as a trade union is so seriously threatened by this legislation, in particular by Bills 3, 11 and 26, not to mention the proposed changes to the Labour Code. The decision to assess \$5.00 per member was made by the membership, in accordance with our bylaws. Accordingly, we will not refund the assessment to you as requested in your letter of Oct. 14.

Yours truly,

Ted Byrne
Union Coordinator
for the AUCE executive