

AFFILIATION COMMITTEE - A.U.C.E. PROVINCIAL

MEETING OF DEC. 3, 1979.

Bill Burgess in the Chair, notes taken by Hester Vair

FORM OF CONVENTION

There was a discussion on the form of the Convention. Nothing was resolved and a special meeting was set to discuss this question. The date is Wednesday, Dec. 12th, @ 7:30 p.m. The following is an outline of some of the concerns that were brought up.

Delegates - In our Provincial constitution it states that the delegates to any Special Convention are the same as those who were elected to the regular (June 1979) convention. This prevents the possibility of delegates running for election on platforms related to their stand on affiliation.

Possible solutions are: directing the delegates - the local would decide what it wants and tell the delegates how to vote.

or - the local can vote to change it's delegates.

Representation - number of delegates (so that a small local cannot be swamped in a vote)

Report to Convention and the Referendum - 2 different ideas are:

(i) that the committee make a report with recommendations, preferably a majority report. Then the Convention would make the decision and the members of AUCE would vote on the Convention's final decision - similar to ratification of a contract after all details are worked out. The committee should have a series of alternative motions worked out prior to the Convention.

(ii) that the committee does not make recommendations as a committee. that a ratification vote does not allow for sufficient membership input. there are 2 major questions which then have different options; to stay AUCE or not, if yes, then what about affiliation, if not then who to merge with.

Item 2 on conducting local meetings was tabled.

Item 3 - BCGEU REPORT

The written report was done by Marion and Suzanne.

Questions asked by the committee were:

(from Hester) - how much local autonomy
- how justify position on students
- what is actual record in terms of contract wording & arbitrations of benefits and working conditions.

Suzanne had comments about what component we would be in.

The Provincial Exec. has the power to move people about in different components.

It is not uncommon to be in a different component than someone you work next to

There may be another component created - one of workers in higher educational institutions.

Provincial Exec. can suspend any steward. Should ask how this came about.

Ferry workers Information from Bob Peacock - they are still under BCGEU control. problems - e.g. were forced to lose some good contract items by waiting for other sectors in GEU to settle.

Colleen has more info. - It is an uneasy relationship with neither side happy. The ferry workers were legislated into GEU as a result of a change in the civil service act.

CONDUCT OF MEETING WITH BCGEU

a range of opinions between:

(i) feeling that GEU is a guest. We need to treat them positively. It is not our right & also not good trade unionism to ask questions about their internal matters. Certainly questions should not be based on hearsay.

(ii) feeling that if we are to join GEU need to hear the official story on internal matters. Most of our information on how the constitution and structure works in reality is hearsay - how do we judge how to credit it without requesting the official story.