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UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES
UNION (CUPE)

TO ALL CUPE LOCAL UNIONS

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Only 27% of CUPE local unions were represented at the last CUPE National Convention.

This means that 73% of CUPE locals did not have a vote on important items affecting their members directly, like per capita tax, education programs, and many others.

Our 1985 Convention concluded that the reason many locals do not send delegates to National Conventions is because they don't have enough money. The 1985 Convention also decided that local unions should not be prevented from participating simply because they can't afford it.

The delegates therefore approved the principle of a National Convention Assistance Fund, and established a committee to suggest how the Fund should be set up and how it should operate (see Resolution N° 32 attached).

We're that committee, and we need your help.

Please tell us what you think about all this. Enclosed is a questionnaire we'd like you to fill out and return to us before October 15th.

IF YOU READ OVER THE QUESTIONNAIRE, YOU'LL SEE THAT IT ASKS QUESTIONS ON MATTERS THAT COULD HAVE A FINANCIAL IMPACT ON YOUR LOCAL. PLEASE RESPOND.

After receiving your response, the committee will begin the task of drafting a report for next year's National Convention. This report will suggest how much financial assistance should be offered, to whom, and where the money should come from.

Please take a few minutes to ensure that we get your local union's opinion.

Jeff Rose
National President
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Jean-Claude Laniel
National Secretary-Treasurer
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Mike Dumler
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General Vice-Presidents
Vice-présidents généraux

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After you've completed the questionnaire, just seal it, stick on a 34¢ stamp and drop it in the mailbox - and you'll have been a great help to us.

Thank you!

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ASSISTANCE FUND COMMITTEE:

Don Watts, Chairperson	Ontario Region
Theo Rosendaal, Secretary	Quebec Region
Jack Rodie, Member	Manitoba/Sask. Regions
Lorne MacLeod, Member	Atlantic/Maritimes Regions
Ron Matthews, Member	Alberta/B.C. Regions

P.S. We really need your response by October 15th!

c.c. J. Rose
J.-C. Laniel
CUPE Staff

CUPE National Convention

1985

Congrès national du SCFP

Resolution No. 32

Résolution N° 32

Submitted by the National Executive Board

WHEREAS maximum participation of CUPE chartered organizations in the Union's national conventions is desirable and beneficial to the Union as a whole; and

WHEREAS the wish of chartered organizations to participate in national conventions should not be restricted solely by financial considerations; and

WHEREAS many smaller local unions do not have the financial resources required to send delegates to national conventions and, indeed, many have never participated in this biennial event; and

WHEREAS the recent study by the Committee to Study National Convention Planning, established by the National Executive Board, confirmed the widely-held belief that a national support fund should be established to offer assistance to impoverished local unions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this convention approve, in principle, the establishment of a National Convention Assistance Fund, recognizing the joint responsibility of all members in ensuring its viability through adequate funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a committee be appointed by the National Executive Board to undertake a study in consultation with all chartered organizations, and to formulate guidelines for the establishment and administration of a National Convention Assistance Fund, taking into consideration all attendant expenses including transportation, accommodation, living allowance, child care costs, lost time; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee return to the 1987 national convention with a recommendation for the implementation of a National Convention Assistance Fund.

Committee recommendation	<u>CONCURRENCE</u>
Convention decision	<u>CARRIED</u>

Présentée par le Conseil exécutif national

ATTENDU QUE la participation maximum des organisations à charte du SCFP aux congrès du Syndicat national est souhaitable et bénéfique pour l'assemblée du Syndicat;

ATTENDU QUE les organisations à charte qui veulent participer aux congrès nationaux ne devraient pas en être empêchées uniquement pour des raisons financières;

ATTENDU QUE bon nombre de petites sections locales n'ont pas les moyens financiers voulus pour envoyer des délégués aux congrès nationaux, et que certaines sections n'ont même jamais participé à nos biennales;

ATTENDU QUE l'étude qui vient d'être faite par le Comité d'étude sur la planification du congrès national, établi par le Conseil exécutif national, a confirmé une opinion répandue, à savoir qu'il faudrait créer un fonds national d'assistance pour aider les sections les plus pauvres;

IL EST RÉSOLU que la présente assemblée autorise en principe la création d'un Fonds national d'assistance-congrès, reconnaissant que tous les membres ont la responsabilité collective d'en assurer la viabilité par un financement suffisant;

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU que le Conseil exécutif national nommera un comité qu'il chargera d'entreprendre une étude à ce sujet, en consultation avec toutes les organisations à charte, et de formuler des lignes directrices visant l'établissement et l'administration d'un Fonds national d'assistance-congrès, tenant compte de tous les frais connexes, y compris le déplacement, l'hébergement, les frais de séjour, les frais de garderie, le salaire perdu;

IL EST EN OUTRE RÉSOLU que le comité présentera au congrès national de 1987 une recommandation sur la mise en place d'un Fonds national d'assistance-congrès.

Recommandation du Comité	<u>APPROBATION</u>
Décision du congrès	<u>ADOPTÉ</u>