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TO THE PROVINCIAL REPS. from Nancy Wiggs

(I am writing this letter not as a representative from Local 1
but as a member concerned with the state of the Provincial)

The first meeting after our fall Policy Convention (remember way back in November?) was scheduled for Saturday, 17 January 1976. The only people who attended the meeting were Melody Rudd (our Secretary-Treasurer), Margot Scherk (Local 1 - UBC) and myself. Notre Dame had let us know in advance that all flights had been cancelled out of Nelson. I am quite sure that all of the people who didn't come had very good reasons, but as it was the meeting could not be held, and no work was really done on the referendum.

I found this situation particularly distressing for a number of reasons.

There is much controversy stirring in UBC over the Provincial. A motion is coming to our 12 February Membership Meeting to withhold dues from the Provincial until the next Convention at which time UBC will decide whether or not to continue in that organization. This is an extremely serious motion. I know you realise as much as I that any motion of this kind would only serve to destroy the Provincial, something which is not what we want and certainly not necessary.

So why is UBC so upset about the Provincial?

At the Provincial Convention in Spring 1975 several directions were given to the Provincial at their request--by the Fall Convention only one of those directions had been carried out, and that was to hold Educational Seminars. Since the Fall Convention no press releases came out after the convention (that should have happened on the Monday after the Convention); no provincial newsletter came out until mid-January; no referendum came out on the question of the full-time Secretary-Treasurer; and most distressing, not even one meeting was scheduled until mid-January. UBC has put over \$17,000 into the Provincial and would like to know what is being done with this money besides travel to and from NDU, and hotel rooms. UBC would like to know why they put over \$1200 per month into an organization which doesn't even meet. I personally would like to know why no one from the three locals who fought so hard for a full-time Secretary-Treasurer can't even bother to show up and put the referendum together and distribute it.

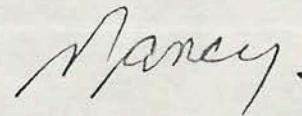
* Another attempt to hold a Provincial Meeting is on. It is scheduled for 2 pm, Saturday, 31 January. I sincerely hope that we will have a If you cannot attend--please let Melody know IN ADVANCE. At that meeting we will begin to plan a

NDU can only send 1 rep so Melody rescheduled the meeting for same time same place on 7 Feb. . . .

Convention for the Spring. UBC hopes that this Convention can deal only with the serious problems between the locals, problems which only bubbled to the surface during the Fall Convention. This sort of communication, although painful, must take place before this Provincial becomes an out and out battle ground in which all Locals lose.

At the 31 January meeting of the Provincial a delegation from UBC will be in attendance to make a verbal presentation to the Provincial Executive--I sincerely hope that you are all there to hear them out and answer their questions.

Nancy Wiggs

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Nancy Wiggs".

cc: Frances Wasserlein
Jerry Anderson
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