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On Saturday, February 7, the first meeting of the Provincial Executive since the Fall Convention was held in Local 1's union office. Several attempts had been made to schedule this meeting much earlier, but either Notre Dame was snowed in at Nelson, or only a couple of people bothered to show up at the meetings, and there was no quorum. Nancy Wiggs sent a personal letter to each of the Provincial Executive members, with copies to Local 1's Executive, expressing her own dissatisfaction with the record of the Provincial's activities (or lack of them) since the Fall Convention. The letter discussed general problems of the Provincial, as felt by many people at U.B.C., and it made specific reference to Jerry Anderson's motion to withhold dues, which will be presented after this report. The letter urged that a meeting with full attendance be held as soon as possible.

Finally, on February 7, that meeting was held. Everyone was in attendance except Cap College delegates, who we haven't seen since the Convention. However, Cap College's President, Fred Hoeflok, attended and spoke for Cap College. The Provincial Executive consists of the following people:

- President: Stan Struttin, N.D.U. elected by acclamation
- Vice President: Margot Scherk, U.B.C. appointed at last Saturday's meeting under Section of the Provincial Constitution
- Secretary-Treasurer: Melody Rudd, S.F.U., elected by acclamation
- U.B.C. reps: Nancy Wiggs, Margot Scherk
- S.F.U. reps: Heather Raven, Dreena MacCormack
- N.D.U. reps: Rita Campese, Stan Struttin
- Cap. reps: electing new reps this week

Also in attendance were Jerry Anderson and Joan Cosar, both from Local 1's executive. (Joan is also on the Provincial Tabulating Committee)

We, as U.B.C. reps, felt that this meeting was the most productive meeting we had attended since we were elected alternate Provincial reps last summer. There was some very honest discussion about the problems between the locals (problems of lack of understanding and lack of communication), and some real constructive progress made on getting things done.

1. A discussion was held on ways to cut travel expenses. N.D.U. reps will be billeted from now on. The idea of a Union credit card was rejected without a motion.
2. The strike fund is being put into short term term deposits to earn higher interest. It will still be available to us at any time. If we remove this money it will earn only 7% interest instead of 10%.
3. You will receive your first Provincial Newsletter with your referendum ballot, which goes in Campus Mail tomorrow morning. This Newsletter deals only with the question of a full-time paid secretary-treasurer for the Provincial, the subject of the referendum ballot. The deadline for the next Newsletter is March 7, and it will cover a broad range of topics. A regular column will analyse

and compare similar clauses from contracts of all locals, and should be of interest particularly to our new contract committee.

The Last Convention showed the Provincial Executive that many changes are needed in our Constitution to end some of the misunderstandings between locals. The Provincial has struck a sub-committee of Heather Raven, Nancy Wiggs and Margot Scherk to investigate amendments. Our first meeting is this Friday night.

5. A.U.C.E's annual Provincial Convention will be held June 12. We hope for a fresh start for this Association, helped by a revised constitution, a strong communication system via the Newsletter, and an Executive with an optimistic rather than a pessimistic outlook. If this cannot happen we may see our Provincial Association crumble and die in the next year. Help us to protect it. We feel we have finally made a positive start towards preventing this happening.

New Local 1 reps should have been elected when we elected our Executive last fall. There have been no nominations to date. I urge you to put forward nominations at this meeting. I would also like to ask Ian to declare nominations for 10 delegates from U.B.C. to the June 12 Convention open at this meeting.

Margot Scherk  
Nancy Wiggs.