

NOVEMBER 27, 1980

TO: THE AUCE PROVINCIAL MEMBERSHIP
FROM: THE AUCE PROVINCIAL EXECUTIVE

(Re: By-election and Special Assessment
Ballots tabulated November 21/22, 1980)

BY-ELECTION RESULTS AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENT QUESTION ANSWERED!

The ballots have been counted and the results of the by-elections for Provincial Trustee and Provincial Co-ordinator, and of the consideration by the members of Locals 2, 4, 5 and 6 for a one-time Special \$5.00 Assessment to assist Local 1 with strike-related debts, are announced as follows:

TRUSTEE - PASSED

Sheila Blace - Elected (Member of Local 4 at Capilano College)

YES VOTES - 494
NO VOTES - 39
ABSTENTIONS - 139
SPOILED BALLOTS - 7

CO-ORDINATOR - PASSED

Lauma Avens - Elected (Member of Local 5 at the College of New Caledonia)

YES VOTES - 489
NO VOTES - 52
ABSTENTIONS - 135
SPOILED BALLOTS - 6

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT OF \$5 TO ASSIST LOCAL 1 @ UBC - PASSED

'I am in favour of paying a one-time Special Assessment of \$5.00 to AUCE Local One, to assist with their strike debts.'

YES VOTES - 216
NO VOTES - 185
ABSTENTIONS - 34
SPOILED BALLOTS - 4

** Although the Special Assessment referendum passed, please do not send cash to the AUCE Provincial Office. The \$5 will be deducted from December pay cheques of all members in Locals 2, 4, 5 & 6, and will be sent to the Provincial Office, to be held in trust for AUCE Local 1, until all money has been collected. Instructions to deduct the \$5 have gone out to Local Executives, who in turn will instruct the pay-roll offices to make the deduction, as per provisions of the respective collective agreements.

Section 9: PROVINCIAL REFERENDUMS & VOTING PROCEDURES, of the AUCE Constitution, states: B. Results of the balloting will be circulated to the Local Associations by the Provincial Trustees within seven (7) days of the results of the counting. Any protest alleging 'unfair ballot', or other irregularity, must be presented in writing to one of the Provincial (over-) association of university & college employees #901 -207 w. hastings st., vancouver, b.c. V6B 1H7

Executive Officers, within fourteen (14) days of the mailing from Provincial Headquarters of the results of the ballot in the Provincial Newsletter. Upon receipt of such notice, the Provincial Executive shall meet, and if the protest is upheld, another ballot shall be conducted.'

This Section of the Constitution, which applies to ALL Provincial Referendums, means that if you intend to register a 'protest', it must be received by the Provincial by Thursday, December 11, 1980.

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Those present and counting the referendum (thanks to all of you) are: (followed by Local number): Lauma Avens (5), Sheila Blace (4), Sheila Browne (4), Jack Gegenberg (6), Tom Hedekar (5), Ada Ho (2), Barbara Leighs (2), Mary Mabin (6), Sheila Perret (4), Michele Pujol (6), Sandy Shreve (2), Lid Strand (1), Suzan Zagar (1).

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NOMINATIONS ARE STILL OPEN FOR TWO (2) MORE PROVINCIAL TRUSTEES. PUT YOUR NOMINATION IN WRITING AND SEND IT TO THE PROVINCIAL OFFICE. NOMINATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO DECEMBER 13, 1980.

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So, what does the passing of the Special Assessment mean?

Locals 2, 4, 5 & 6 have voted in favour of supporting our brothers and sisters at Local 1 (UBC), at a time of severe strain on that Local's financial resources. This can be seen as a sign of maturity within our union. The affirmative vote shows that AUCE members recognise the need for supporting fights that can and do affect all of us.

One way of breaking unions is to break them financially and it is not inconceivable that the management of the University of B.C. has been viewing with great interest the financial problems of Local 1.

The message from the membership at our sister locals is a clear one; that we will support our sisters and brothers at Local 1 - we will not allow financial burdens to become too heavy for that membership. The affirmative result is a clear statement for all other employees at our locals, as well.

Such a show of solidarity for AUCE Local 1 further indicates that other locals can be assured of similar support in our union's strike situations.

And that's what counts.

And, of course, CONGRATULATIONS to Local 1 and CONGRATULATIONS to SHEILA BLACE and LAUMA AVENS, AUCE's Trustee and Co-ordinator.

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