



PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW **September 3 – September 9, 2018**

Hello all,

Last week was shortened by the Labour Day holiday. I was lucky enough to be able to spend that day with some Labour friends, and with family.

On Tuesday, we had a UMC with our servicing reps. The meeting was cordial, and it was good to meet the rep for that bargaining unit.

On Wednesday I sat in with Chantel O'Neill and Joanna Gislason to discuss the plans for our Executive Education Seminar.

Thursday was a general education round up, and I'm happy to say we will be piloting two new courses over the next six months, putting the final touches on another. The new courses will be an introduction to Union Activism and an Advance Shop Steward course (not the real names, but these courses aren't formally named yet).

Friday was the annual *Take It to the Streets* ball hockey tournament put on by ILWU 502. Not only were our teams able to help raise over \$10,000 for the Surrey Foodbank, we took 2nd place. Also I was able to start planning a "Right to Refuse Unsafe Work" campaign with ILWU Canada President Rob Ashton.

On the weekend I celebrated my birthday with family and friends.

Next week: An arbitration in Vancouver, some paperwork and drafting of new policies, a tour of Richmond Stores and lunch.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President