



PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW October 29 – November 4, 2018

Hello all,

Last week started off with a Grievance Appeal Committee meeting. There was only one item at focus, and it remains under review, but the group has committed to providing a recommendation on the matter at the next Executive meeting.

The main event on Tuesday was an internal review of job evaluation process in advance of a meeting with the Employer next Wednesday per Article 11.06 of the Collective Agreement. After some time with the new processes, duties, and responsibilities, both the Union and the Employer have a clear view of all of the new duties, responsibilities, knowledge, and qualifications required for our people to work on LNG fueled vessels.

On Thursday I had a brief meeting with a crew member of the MV Quinsam regarding using a water taxi to ferry crew back and forth from Nanaimo Harbour to Gabriola. While this was an interesting proposal, it will certainly face some hurdles, and is not something the Union will work toward without clear direction from the membership. Also on Thursday I had a brief chat with our auditors, and heard no concerns from them; however, I asked them to review our financial practices in view of our new Constitutional compliance measures.

Friday was a quick education update with Chantel O'Neill regarding our revamped steward materials and the Advanced Steward Course, which will be piloting in January.

On the weekend I had the honour of joining our BCGEU family at the Area 02 Activist Appreciation event in Nanaimo before joining some of their Senior Leadership at the National Union of Public and General Employees Executive meeting next Monday and Tuesday.

Next Week: NUPGE Executive Meeting, the Salish Job Classification meeting, and a trip to Ottawa for the Canadian Marine Advisory Council meeting.

Thanks for reading, and I hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

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