



PRESIDENT'S WEEKS IN REVIEW November 23 – December 8, 2019

Hello all,

I've been a bit spotty with these lately in part due to some ongoing health concerns that have taken me away from work more than I'd like, but am hopeful for successful diagnosis / treatment soon.

My last couple weeks have been prominent with sick days and doctors, but one very notable and fun exception was our Women's Conference.

This year's Women's Conference was put on by our Women's Committee in Victoria, and was very well received by the attendees – I was amazed how many new and young activists were there, and the incredible dialogue I saw taking place (in the rightfully brief time I was there). Many thanks to Tracy Goyer and the Women's Committee and our staff for putting on such a tremendous event.

At the end of that week I had a call with Emily Norgang of the Canadian Labour Congress regarding International Maritime Organization treaty input. While interesting stuff, it was nothing controversial, and was mostly the repeal of century old life boat regulations (think specs for block and tackle, how many oars, etc.).

The following week was mostly absorbed by a two day Executive Meeting. At this meeting, we brought in up to date privacy policies for the Union, and ordered the release of a job description for a new position in our Office to replace the Office Manager; the new position will be called the Executive Director. This position is meant to ensure professional management and oversight of our operations, and will be posted soon.

Next Week: More being sick, a planning meeting regarding Bargaining 2020, and an Office Christmas Party.

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

In Solidarity,

BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION

Brother Graeme Johnston
Provincial President