

Report to division from APPAC

- The committee drafted a resolution for national convention regarding the funding for the division legislative liaison
- We reviewed the last federal election where the NDP saw major gains in the province with an increase in voter turnout. Last federal election saw the party receive just over 80,000 votes and this time out there was 240,000 votes cast for the NDP. That's a 200% gain in Alberta alone.
- We are encouraging members to let their name stand for the upcoming provincial election to fill the slate for the party.
- We are looking for dynamic people across the province to take a "Campaign Management" course. We've talked with Ed Hanson who will convert the current CLC instructional to a CUPE based course, or offer the existing CUPE Education workshop. We will need a three to six week turn around to get materials from national prior to facilitating.
- We discussed the actions at RDC where we saw the loss of 12 members due to an outsourcing of the operations of the bookstore on campus. We plan to organize the members who were displaced. 9 of the original 12 will be staying on at the bookstore.
- Resolution reviews: We reviewed all the resolutions from convention and our action plans for these resolutions.
 1. Resolution #2011-3 – This is a very important resolution that has many layers. We will create another postcard campaign for the newly elected leader of the party in power. We are also encouraging members to lobby their MLAs for increased funding in the shortage of long term care facilities. This postcard campaign will focus on the difference between sterile care at a hospital that many seniors who should be in a long term care facility and the comforts provided in a public LTC facility. We will work in concert with CUPE National to create a postcard with a powerful message. We will

encourage all members in CUPE Alberta to fill out these postcards and circulate them among their community.

2. Resolution # 2011-4 – Turned this “dead” resolution from convention into a resolution for the national convention.
 3. Resolution #2011-14 – Dead resolution which we will deal with prior to next convention
 4. Resolution # 2011-15 – Completed and the literature will be circulated at the next bargaining conference
 5. Resolution # 2011-16 – Another dead resolution that we will deal with prior to the next convention
 6. Resolution #2011-17 – Waiting on a report from the division executive to see if we made any gains in affiliated locals in the province
 7. Resolution #2011-18 – This resolution did not make it to convention floor
 8. Resolution #2011-19 – The committee is going to forward this resolution to NPAC to see what is going on in Nova Scotia with the current provincial government
 9. Resolution #2011-30 - We decided that this resolution needs to be tabled for a while until the release of the next federal budget
 10. Resolution #2011-31 – We have tabled discussion on this resolution until Sister Joyce Baker can give us an update from the national Anti-Privatization committee meetings
- Discussed the recommendations from the all presidents meeting:
 - The Division president or area VPs could forward a letter to the presidents of locals. This letter will remind the presidents to keep in contact with the elected official in their community
 - The six month report card is too daunting a task for the APPAC to complete and this should be done at the local level
 - Regarding the campaign training, the committee will be making it available as mentioned above
 - Parent councils coalitions can and will be built as a part of issue based campaigns

- **Letters to the editors should come from locals as they are more aware of issues that impact their communities**
- **The final recommendation regarding the position of a Political Action Coordinator is addressed in our resolution**
- **A member of the committee recommended that we need to show how we, as members of the committee are leading by example**