

**Report of the President
of the 3L Area Council – Region 2
(Laval/Laurentides/Lanaudière/Abitibi-Témiscamingue)
June 18, 2015 to February 2017**

My term began in the thick of the campaign of activities on the 19th of every month, with a rally on June 19 with CEIU Local 10426 in Laval. I helped to organize the “Harperman” video and would like to express a big thank you to all who joined in.

The fall of 2015 was a very busy time, with the mobilization activities on the 19th of every month and the courses I took to fully understand my role as President of the Area Council and to complete the PSAC Union Development Program, an intensive education program designed to develop the leadership skills of emerging union activists over ten months, which began in February 2015. I also attended my first meeting of the Quebec Council and my first meeting of the FTQ substance abuse and dependencies committee.

In addition, I took several occupational health and safety courses. After becoming President of the Area Council, I resigned from my position as Women’s Coordinator. I was fortunate enough to attend the first FTQ “women’s school” organized by the occupational health and safety group, a wonderful and eye-opening course on traditional and non-traditional workplaces for women. I also took part in the World March of Women in Trois-Rivières.

November 19, 2015: Annual meeting of the 3L Area Council, and election. I was re-elected by acclamation as President, Eric Villeneuve was re-elected by acclamation as Vice-President and Manon Lamoureux was re-elected as Treasurer.

2016 was a big year with numerous projects, the first of which was to produce a guide on the Area Council, a project I undertook with Sister Lyne Cartier. The guide was designed to promote the Area Council in the courses that would be offered in my region. We ended up doing more than just promoting the Area Council in the courses: we also promoted it at the annual general meetings of several locals in our region.

I took part in several conference calls related to the Quebec Council and also the organization of upcoming courses with Sister Lyne Cartier of Region 6 and Sister France Filion of Region 7.

In addition, in early 2016, Lyne Cartier and I started working on a project for a family program at PSAC. We met with Serge Dupont, the Education Program Officer at Unifor, to get information on its program that we could adapt for use by PSAC.

In April 2016, I attended the PSAC-Quebec Regional Women’s Conference. It had some excellent speakers and we had an opportunity for discussion and preparation of an action plan for the current year.

April 19: I had the honour of representing PSAC-Quebec at a CLC lobbying event on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. I met with Liberal MP Greg Fergus. We discussed Canada Pension Plan enhancements, which Mr. Fergus favoured, as well as the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), with which he admitted he was not yet very familiar. He wanted to discuss the topic with his constituents.

April 24 to May 27: I was fortunate enough to attend Collège FTQ-Fonds, a high-level FTQ course that came strongly recommended. We had to prepare an action plan during the five-week course. Mine concerned participation by Region 2 locals in their area council. Over the first two weeks, I contacted the locals in my region to set up a meeting with the Executives. It was an excellent program which I recommend to anyone who has not taken it yet. It is a worthwhile investment that teaches you a lot about yourself.

I updated the updated information on the locals in my region to map the 3L locals and forge ties with their Executives.

September: I attended the ratification votes for the collective agreement for the UTE locals in Montreal and Laval.

November 27 to December 2: I attended the FTQ convention as a delegate and the booth staffed by the substance abuse and dependencies committee where I provided information about the committee's mandate and sold tickets for the Lunch and Learn on Thursday. I attended the women's committee gala on Monday evening, which was very interesting. At the PSAC luncheon, I was elected on the General Council.

December 7: I attended the USGE training session at Manoir Saint-Sauveur on the purpose of a General Council and on becoming familiar with Part XX of the *Canada Occupational Health and Safety Regulations*. Occupational health and safety officers from Employment and Social Development Canada (EDSC) were on hand at the session.

December 8: I attended a meeting of the 3L Area Council, with invited guest Guy Champagne from Caisse Desjardins des Travailleuses et Travailleurs unis. We also held elections. I was re-elected by acclamation and Evelyne Belval and Maryline Nadeau were acclaimed. We would like to thank Brother Eric Villeneuve for his participation and help as VP of the region for a number of years. Eric will act as our representative for young workers in the 3L region, a major responsibility because the committee will need to be built from the ground up in our region.

Over the year, I also attended the meeting of the Quebec Council, the meeting of the PSAC-Quebec Occupational Health and Safety Committee and several meetings of the 3L regional women's committee and of the FTQ substance abuse and dependencies committee.

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I was a trainer for several PSAC-Quebec courses.

In February, I served as a member of the Pre-Convention Committee discussing the General Resolutions and Resolutions of Record.

February 2017: The Regional Executive will draft an annual schedule of the region's upcoming meetings so our locals can plan their participation.

Our Facebook page, AFPC – Région des 3L and Abitibi, is a great source of information. I am always updating the contact information for the locals in our region to improve the flow of information about current issues, campaigns and other matters of interest.

Have a great Convention, everyone!

Annick Lamoureux