

Report of the President of the Québec/Québec-Métro Area Council Region 3

Please accept my report as President of the Québec/Québec-Métro Area Council, which covers activities from July 15, 2015 to February 3, 2017.

2015

In July 2015, as First Vice-President for Political Action, I became Acting Chair until the next election in October 2015, following Natalie Rainville's departure. In October 2015, I was elected President for a one-year term, in accordance with the PSAC Constitution. François Paradis was elected First Vice-President for Political Action; Mamadou Ndiaye, Second Vice-President for Occupational Health and Safety; Kenza Elazzouzi, Third Vice-President for Education; and Pierre Proulx, Secretary-Treasurer. Josée Brousseau became Regional Women's Coordinator.

Early in 2015, the Area Council redoubled its efforts to boost its mobilization activities against the Harper government in anticipation of the upcoming federal election. We were very active, especially in the Québec City region, and met with numerous locals in the area. We even set up a team to organize phone blitzes to the members in our region.

I attended every Quebec Council meeting and submitted a quarterly report. I also attended the meetings of the Political Action Committee.

The Area Council's finances are in good order, it meets often and participation is good. Our REVP, Magali Picard, visited us several times, as did her Alternate, Monique Déry.

The Area Council was also active in the community, taking part in Operation Red Nose and giving out food at the Lauberivière housing and homeless shelter to help people in need.

2016

On November 8, the members of the Area Council met to elect the Executive for the following year. I was re-elected as President; François Paradis was re-elected as Vice-President for Political Action, Mamadou Ndiaye was re-elected as Vice-President for Occupational Health and Safety and Kenza Elazzouzi was re-elected as Vice-President for Education. Geneviève Duchesne, a new candidate, was elected Secretary-Treasurer, while Judith Côté will replace Josée Brousseau as Regional Women's Coordinator and Kenza Elazzouzi will also serve as Regional Equity Group Coordinator.

Even though our government changed from Conservative to Liberal in 2015, our Area Council members had concerns about the slow progress of the negotiations with Treasury Board. Toufic El-Daher and I, as members of the bargaining teams for the PA

and TC groups, kept the membership up to date. Very recently, in December 2016 and early 2017, the bargaining teams for the PA, TC and EB groups managed to secure tentative agreements. The Area Council will organize the ratification votes for its region shortly.

In 2016, I again attended the meetings of the Quebec Council and the Political Action Committee, and took part in conference calls as needed.

Even though the Area Council met several times in 2016, it is always a pleasure to meet the members of our region.

2017

The Area Council met on January 17 to organize a dinner event for the New Year.

From January 31 to February 2, I took part in the review of the Constitution and By-Laws for the next PSAC-Quebec Convention, which takes place in Saint-Sauveur in April.

I would like to thank everyone on the Québec/Québec-Métro Area Council team and the PSAC staff at the Québec City office for their dedication and commitment.

In solidarity,

Jean Cloutier