

**Local 514 Meeting**  
**April 8, 2014**

**1. Other Business/Roundtable**

The meeting began with a discussion of a letter published by the CAPE National President and sent to all members. The letter admonishes “certain Local executives” for passing motions that question CAPE’s negotiation strategy. In response, there was general agreement that Local 514’s motion, which was passed unanimously at the March 27, 2014 meeting, remains valid (see attached minutes). Members of Local 514 also agreed on the need to have a negotiation strategy that is clear and that includes mobilization.

**2. Mayday Planning**

The Mayday event was discussed as a way for members to begin to mobilize.

**Details of the March:** The Mayday March will take place on Thursday May 1 and will begin at approximately 4pm. Place du Portage participants in the March will likely assemble in front of Phase IV joining with student and other activists and ending at Langevin Block. There will also be a noon BBQ on May 1 (organized by PSAC).

**Planning/raising awareness:** Members also discussed raising awareness among members before the event to encourage wide participation. Activities planned include the distribution of leaflets, posters, and a day school organized by Solidarity Against Austerity on April 26. A planning meeting will occur this week. Any and all volunteers are welcome to help with these important activities.

Local 514 members in attendance then unanimously passed the following motion:

***Motion to support the Mayday March initiated by Solidarity Against Austerity***

- ***Whereas, there is a need for federal public service unions to build the capacity of their locals to mobilize members in preparation for future battles with the government over contracts and the defence of sick leave, and***
- ***Whereas, Mayday is a traditional day of mobilization and protest by unionized workers, and***
- ***Whereas Solidarity Against Austerity (SAA), an Ottawa-based group of trade union and community activists, has called for its third annual Mayday march and protest against the Governments and corporations who champion austerity,***
- ***Be it therefore resolved that Local 514 of Canadian Association of Professional Employees does the following:***
  - ***calls upon the Canadian Association of Professional Employees to throw its organizational and financial support behind mobilizing members to participate in the SAA Mayday march;***
  - ***pledges to support the SAA Mayday initiative with a donation of \$499.00, and***
  - ***commits the executive and activists of this local to mobilize our members to participate in the Mayday March which will assemble at Place du Portage and walk to Ottawa to join with other opponents of austerity.***

**3. Next Meetings**

- There will likely be another meeting on this matter during the week of April 14 or 21.
- A meeting on the new Performance Agreements is planned for the near future.