

Education Sub-Committee Meeting

Friday March 14th, 2025

12pm

Via TEAMS

Record of Decisions

Via Teams: A. Yeo (Vice-President, EC/LoP/OPBO), N. Burron (Chair), D. Hagar, G. Latour, D. Theriault (Volunteer)

Observer: Brian McDougall

Regrets: N. Prier (President), R. Ajmera, B. Panasyuk, G. Brabazon, M. Davidovic, M. Wylie, M. Favreau (Volunteer), J. FitzGerald (Volunteer), A. Benedict (Volunteer), L. Gillis (Volunteer), P. Atwere (Volunteer), J. Hutt (Senior Advisor to the President), K. Brooke (Senior Labour Relations Officer), J. Courty (Local Liaison Officer), D. Osorio (Education Officer)

Staff via Teams: A. Poliquin (Director of Representation and Education), S. Newman (Administrative Assistant)

1. Opening of the meeting
 - Meeting was officially called to order at 12:03pm. Quorum was not reached.
2. Approval of Agenda
 - The March 14th, 2025, agenda was not approved due to lack of quorum.
3. Approval of Record of Decisions from February 18th, 2025
 - The February 18th, 2025, Record of Decisions were not approved due to lack of quorum.

D. Theriault joins the meeting.

4. Next steps in planning for WFA event
 - The WFA events will take place on March 27th and April 3rd, 2025.
 - A. Poliquin announces the publication of a set of FAQs to accompany the WFA guide on the sub-committee's website.
 - N. Burron discusses the usefulness of the FAQs in addressing common questions about WFA.
5. Planning for event on the politics of scapegoating

- The sub-committee plans to discuss the politics of scapegoating as part of the Trumpian attack and its potential impact in Canada.
- N. Burron and others discuss the importance of addressing the political education element of the events.
- He also outlines the planned series of events, including the politics of scapegoating and the fight backs in the public service.
- B. McDougall suggests including migrants, trans folks, and drug users as key scapegoating groups.
- The sub-committee discusses the need to comb through statements from both major political parties during the election campaign.
- N. Burron and others emphasize the importance of framing the discussion around the politics of deception and class interests.
- D. Theriault suggests integrating the discussion of scapegoating with a broader class analysis.
- N. Burron discusses potential speakers for the politics of scapegoating event.
- The sub-committee discusses the importance of having good speakers to cover the broad ground of the event.

D. Hagar joins the meeting.

6. Other activities for 2025

- N. Burron suggests creating a core curriculum for CAPE members and activists to provide sustained educational political work.

- The sub-committee discusses the need for a series of lectures and workshops to help members understand their class position and the nature of the state as their employer.
- The discussion includes the importance of addressing downward mobility and the relationship between different occupations within the public service.
- A. Yeo proposes an event on Mother's Day to discuss maternity and parental leave, with a focus on the political history and technical aspects.
- The event would include a hybrid format at the CAPE office, with A. Yeo speaking on the political history and an LRO on the technical aspects.
- The event would include a Q&A session and a call to action for open bargaining and strike readiness.
- The sub-committee considers the possibility of making this an annual event, tied to International Women's Day.

G. Latour and A. Poliquin leave the meeting.

7. Volunteer for co-chair (Douglas Hagar)
 - D. Hagar is now co-chair of the Education sub-committee.
8. Inviting others to join the sub-committee
 - N. Burrton announces that we do have a couple spots open for members to join the Education sub-committee.
9. Closing of meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm.

The above record of decisions is accepted as a true representation of the Education Sub-Committee meeting held on March 14th, 2025.