

Canadian Union of Brewery and General Workers Component 325

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LOCAL 325 BULLETIN BOARD

Membership Meetings

Thank you to all those in attendance at the last membership meeting. We did have a quorum at the meeting and were able to proceed with normal business. We had over 40 members present and discussed a wide range of issues that included decreased volume in the plant and the job pick process. A few of the Members also had concerns around the issue of job preference after shift changes. It turned out to be a rather contentious issue and Brother Greco committed to have it on the agenda for one of our upcoming meetings. He does want to be in attendance for that meeting, but will be on vacation through January and a good part of February. So the March meeting looks to be the one we will use to deal with this issue.

Our next meeting is scheduled for January 21st and we will include the Auditors Report for the year. We also expect to hear a report from the Trial Committee if complete. Please do your best to be in attendance, we do need a quorum to deal with these issues. Our meeting dates are always posted for the year on this bulletin board. Please plan on attending whenever you are able.

Committee Meetings

Most of our committee was in attendance for our last meeting of the year on the 14th of December. We get together four times a year at the Radisson Hotel on Dixon Road to discuss a wide range of issues that are of concern to the membership. It has always been a great opportunity for all in attendance to see what is happening in the other departments and to see if solutions in one area can fit the next. Thanks to all for their contributions over the last year..

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TC Meeting

Brothers Greco, Hamilton, and Menezes met with the Packaging Transition Coordinators on the 13th of December after our meeting with the Packaging Stewards to get some feedback on how things are progressing. It was a short, but we think very useful meeting and we would like to thank all the TCs for their attendance and their honest contributions to the discussions. We will do it more often in the New Year. The Union Executive will do its best and try and deal with the issues you raised. We would also like to remind all the Brothers and Sisters in our Local, both in the postings and those that are not, of the importance these jobs have to the health of our Local. We have over 50 posted positions presently, some contractual some not, we all need to do our best to assure that these individuals are successful in the roles they play. We will all regret it, if they are not.

Local Elections

Just a reminder that local elections will take place in the fall of this year, with nominations taking place at the October membership meeting. We encourage all to get involved and will advise of the details as we get closer to election time.

Dental Benefits

The company and the union are in the process of dealing with the issue of dental implants as a result of a grievance that was submitted. The issue is dental implants as the preferred option over a bridge. If you are presently dealing with this type of dental work or are looking at it as an option down the road please drop by the union office and let us know.

NUPGE Web Site

On the Union Board you will find a number of pages from the National Unions web site. This is just a sampling of some of the issues that are covered in depth on the web site. If you see a story that interests you, please visit at www.nupge.ca for the full story.

Merry Christmas



On behalf of Brother Greco and the entire Committee, we would like to wish you all the best this Holiday Season. Much health and happiness to each of you, and your family in the year ahead.