

## Chapter 002 Annual Report Annual General Meeting – April 2018



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**Chapter Member:** I was an active chapter member and served as Treasurer for part of the year. I stepped down from the position for reasons I will not go into in my report. I chaired the Chapter 002 Engagement Committee. This committee met several times and will be presenting a draft plan at the annual general meeting. I enjoyed serving on the committee and we had a mix of new people active in the chapter and some who have been active for some time. We also had some people who came from other Locals which brought a fresh perspective on chapter activities.

**Council Representative:** This past year I was able to attend all scheduled meetings. I also helped the Membership Services Committee when they lost three of their members.

As a member of council, I was elected to the **Finance** Committee which was a valuable learning experience. This committee doesn't make financial decisions but provides recommendations and helps in developing policies. As a Council, we are entrusted with member dollars so we need be fiscally responsible. I served as Vice Chair on the committee and when the Local Treasurer was elected to a VP position, I worked with Pam Vona to cover some of the Treasurer responsibilities.

**Webmaster:** Holy crap! Is that a lot of work! The Local keeps me busy with our website, maintaining forms and creating and updating surveys. Then running reports for forms and surveys. **Thanks** to the people who submit their meeting dates and reports. Of note, this year there were fewer committees and executive giving me meeting dates. Or, perhaps they don't physically meet any more. I've also been keeping the facebook page running while Membership Services Committee gets organized.

**Area Council:** For the first time, I volunteered to be a member of the Edmonton Area Council. I attended several meetings and volunteered at the photo booth during the Children's Christmas party. That was a wonderful event for the kids and I would recommend that members from Edmonton and area bring their kids or grandkids to that event.

**Convention Delegate:** I also represented the membership at AUPE's annual convention. Elections at Convention 2017 were easier than ever with AUPE using technology to speed up the balloting and reporting.

**Member information:** For the second time, I volunteered to participate at an information table where volunteers update people's personal contact information.

**Comments:** Going forward, I would like to see the Local and Chapter focus more on working together to serve the membership and ensuring the funds from member dues are spent on conducting business and serving the membership. I am concerned about Council spending member's money on meeting in a luxury resort every two years. Because the local is province-wide, I have no problem with having an out of town meeting at other locations than Edmonton. I just don't think it is a good use of funds to go to resorts.

I also think that if guests and children are invited to an expensive dinner that only the council rep's meal should be covered by union dues. In May 2016, Local 002's policy was changed where dependents were invited to a formal dinner at every annual general meeting. If this policy stays in place, perhaps Council should consider having a hot dog/hamburger BBQ to reduce costs.

See you at the Chapter 002 AGM!  
Marcy