

National Convention

## **Inaugural National Convention of the Union of Health and Environment Workers**

Union of Health Environment Workers convention was held on August 21-24 in Toronto.

This was the first National UHEW Convention where two components were merged.

It was my second national convention and first as a delegate.

First day of national convention went through the agenda and it all started off with resolution committee. Each committee came up and went through resolutions. For the most part it went through very smooth.

In the evening, there was a meet with Shimen Fayad who was running for vice president. It was very nice meeting her and talking to her and listening to what she will bring to the office.

Second day we had budget discussion, which took all day and some part of third day.

One of the resolutions was to keep local assistance for regional conference and National conventions (\$3000). It went on for long discussion and it was defeated.

In the evening, there was a meet with Todd Panas who was running for presidents.

There was banquet, where National Health Union President Tony Tiley retired.

Third and final was a National Council Election, where for first time National Vice-President was selected and 2 RVPs and 2 alternate RVPs were selected. It was long day for elections, but it easy because of electronic voting.

UHEW president Todd Panas was selected as National President and Shimen Fayad was selected Vice President. NCR UEW Regional Vice President was Jayne Powers and alternate RVP Rubin Kooner and NCR NHU Regional Vice President was Michel Lepine and alternate Diane Girouard.

Attendees:

Delegates: Mike Lister, Rubin Kooner and Naveed Ahmad

Observer: Justin Cooke, David Buote, Vallieres, Pierre and John Coltess.