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President's Report 2020

Brothers and Sisters, welcome, and hoping that all of you, and your families are staying safe.

This past year has been a real challenge, for our country, our members, and the Local.

I would like to thank the Members of Local 70712 for having faith in me to represent them as their Local President in this time of Pandemic, this time of uncertainty, this time of challenges.

I also want to thank the Local Executive for the amazing job they did this year and all the hard work they have done.

This was a year of unprecedented tasks and demands, where the Local Executive brought all the changes and ideas of a new life under Covid-19 into play, ex: new rules for sick leave, new rules for RTW, etc.

- Action Plan – the Executive has been made aware of their roles for the year and has now become a Local practice.
- Local Website – receives a lot of traffic and is a valuable source of information for our members, both in English and in French.
- Local Executive 2020 had a full schedule this year with the Action Plan, voting on new Collective Agreements, Phoenix issues and other Member cases.
- Newsletters were sent out with information and Q&A's for all members.

As President, I forged a relationship with the DG of River Road and resolved many issues relative to the Covid-19 Pandemic for our members. We have an ongoing relationship with the DG and his staff with online meetings at regular intervals to discuss any events which have occurred or actions to be taken shortly in regard to safety, hygiene, and RTW.

UHEW National Convention:

- Due to the Pandemic, the UHEW National Convention was cancelled and set to a later date, hopefully the Convention will be held this summer, online.

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- In this past year, Todd Panas our National President stepped down from his duties and Shimen Fayad, then our National Vice President, took over as Acting-President until the next Convention, and subsequent voting of Offices.

The knowledge and connections I have made will help me become a better President, benefit our Local and give valuable resources for the future.



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In conclusion, this year was remarkably busy and was about being there for our members. I am proud of this 20-21 Local Executive. I want to thank each and every one of them for their hard work, dedication, and support. I know there was a lot going on this year but this Executive managed to do it all, and everyone stepped up. Thank you, Jeannine, Samantha, and Tammy. Also, our Stewards, Luke, and Justin.

As well, we cannot forget our Building Contacts who support us. They help represent us in OHS Committees and being the first contact for our members. Thank you, Natalie, and Andrea, for all your hard work and a long-time member AnnMarie Hussar-Lucas who has taken a well-deserved retirement.

I also wish to take this moment to thank our RVP, Rubin Kooner, for her leadership in teaching us, the Executive, the tricks of the trade, guiding us in our new positions and always being there to make sure that the members are always first on our minds.

And finally, thank you Members for this opportunity once again. I will always put members first.

Pierre Vallieres
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