

UHEW Triennial Convention attendance, August 16-20, 2021 – Observer Tammy Boyer

I was nominated to be an observer for this convention. It was very interesting to observe all the interactions between delegates, and learned much about the process in doing so. This included the processes in approaching the mic, and ultimately, voting.

However, attending this convention as an observer on a virtual platform was very frustrating at times. Observers do not have a voice at conventions, which I knew and was fine with going into it, but with just a virtual presence, what is lacking is the aspect of socialization with members of different Locals, and being able to campaign for those of our choice. At times, I also missed key points due to lagging internet, which I was unsure if it originated from my end or theirs.

Overall, it was a great experience, but here is to hoping for the return of in-person conventions soon!