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**Rally**

Thanks to the many members who braved the frigid temperatures last Saturday. We joined over 1,000 others from multiple unions and community groups to raise our voices in support of students and workers negatively impacted by the provincial government’s budget and other legislation. We were noticed – and perhaps even heard!



**Loren Keister Joins SA Staff**



We are pleased to announce that SA has hired Loren Keister, as a new full-time Manager. From his many years with the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW) union, Loren brings a wealth of experience in supporting union members in labour relations and workplace issues, in WCB advocacy and in union administration. He looks forward to working with the SA Staff and Board to support all members and the important work you do. His contact information is included below.

**Welcome Loren – great to have you aboard!**

**Changes to SA's Board of Directors**

Chairperson, Jen Copithorne, has resigned from her position effective December 27<sup>th</sup>. We wish her well and thank her for her tenure as Chairperson!

Vickie Yakiwchuk and Corey Easton, who were appointed to the Board in May 2019, have also resigned.

Cindy Bond and Tina Carey attended the Board Meeting in May and had agreed to let their names stand for Director positions. We would like to officially congratulate and welcome Cindy and Tina to our Board as they agreed to fill the vacant Director positions this fall.

The Board will address the vacated Chair position and any potential Board vacancies in accordance with the Bylaws & Policies. In the interim, Vice-Chairperson, Rae-Ann Royal, continues to serve as Acting Chair.

**SA Winter Break Hours**

The SA office will be closed from December 23, 2019 to January 5, 2020 (inclusive), and will re-open on Monday, January 6, 2020. Staff will be available by e-mail to respond to emergent situations.

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**Reminder**

Professional Improvement Fellowship Leave Applications (PIF) are due December 31<sup>st</sup>.