



Building On Our Successes  
S'inspirer de nos succès  
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NEWSLETTER

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## WE HAVE FINALLY REACHED OUR THIRD AND FINAL DAY OF CONVENTION.

This morning will be reserved for outstanding resolutions, and to handle the business related to elections for our national union.

Following our lunch break, delegates will return and have a chance to participate in our equity panel discussion which will feature Michael Redhead Champagne, Jill Stockwell, Diwa Marcelino, and Noreen Mian, moderated by Creeson Agecutay.

Following the adjournment of Convention, we look forward to seeing everyone tonight at our reception

and banquet dinner in the West/Midway Ballroom. The reception gets underway at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. with our featured entertainment – an Indigenous drag show – and delegate dance to follow.

Wethankeverybodyfortheirengagementandparticipation throughout Convention. We wish you all well as you travel back to your respective regions and workplaces to continue the work of supporting our members across all our locals and building on our successes!

## PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS





## WHAT WILL OUR NEXT SUCCESSES BE?

Since our national union formed in 2004, COPE SEPB has celebrated many victories:

- ✓ **Preserving public auto insurance and reversing privatization in BC**
- ✓ **Securing historic electoral wins in Alberta**
- ✓ **Protecting public institutions in the Prairies**
- ✓ **Challenging conservative attacks on workers' rights in Ontario**
- ✓ **Making major organizing gains and defending our members in Quebec**
- ✓ **Creating a \$1 million equity learning fund for locals**

But there is more to do.

We face growing threats—from rising hate and regressive politics to efforts to dismantle labour laws. In the face of an unprecedented threat to our country coming from the United States, our members are seeing not only their jobs threatened, but they are seeing direct attacks in the form of increasing hate speech from

emboldened far-right activists, rollbacks to programs designed to support diversity, equity, and inclusivity, and conservative politicians and groups attacking union rights and seeking to weaken or destroy labour laws.

We must leave Convention 2025 inspired to act: to grow our membership, protect our communities, and continue investing in equity and inclusion. The next three years will need us to find more successes, because our members and our communities depend on it.

As we leave Convention 2025, we need to harness the energy from the last few days and bring it back to our regions and our locals. We need to continue building our work to invest in diversity, promote equity, and ensure inclusion. We need to defend our existing members from threats that come both from their employers and from political forces, and we need to continue to bring in more members and grow our movement.

In 2028, when we gather again, we want to bring even more success stories to share. Let's go forward together—stronger than ever. Let's leave Convention 2025 get back to work at building our union and making life better for our members and the communities that they live in.

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