

April 29, 2013

CUPE 3903 Chairperson, Faiz Ahmed (acclaimed) 2013-14

April Executive Report

Monday, March 25 - 2013

- Sworn in as Chairperson, CUPE 3903
- Setup login and password information for the Chairperson email address

Tuesday, March 26 - 2013

- Setup Doodle Poll to organize transition meeting between 2012/13 & 2013/14 Executive Committee's
- Hi comrades, A warm welcome to the incoming members of the Executive Committee for either becoming involved or continuing your involvement at CUPE 3903! Also, a much appreciated thank you to those of us having served on the 2012/13 Executive Committee. The work we did this year will serve as an example to those of us remaining on the Executive Committee.  
With respect to the next meeting of the Executive Committee, I would suggest that we hold off until next week so that we can get some logistical matters out of the way. This said, if people think it would be a good idea to meet this week, I'll set something up for Thursday.  
Please indicate your availability for next week's Executive Committee on this Doodle Poll: <http://doodle.com/x6iswynyhq68fwfs>  
Here are some tasks we can get out of the way independently. Although this is not an exhaustive list, they are actionable-items we can have figured out before next weeks meeting, with instructions as to what to do :)
  - 1) Email-account set-up (action item for all outgoing and incoming Executive committee members)
  - 2) Listserve passwords reset (action item for Marnina Norys)
  - 3) Signing authority changed (action item for Johannah May Black & Manuel Marques)
  - 4) Notice to the Labor Management Committees of incoming Chair and Treasurer (action item for Johannah May Black, Gregory Flemming, Manuel Marques)

Wednesday, March 27 - 2013

- Attended appointment with Alterna Savings and Credit Union Ltd. (alongside incoming Treasurer, Joanne Azevedo) to add my name and that of Joanne Azevedo to the three accounts held by CUPE 3903
- Attended and spoke at rally organized by Students Against Israeli Apartheid at

York University. Rally took place in Vari Hall at 1:00pm. Restated CUPE Ontario and CUPE 3903 position on the Boycott Divestment and Sanctions campaign. Encouraged the Graduate Students' Association and the York Federation of Students to work with CUPE 3903 in devising a strategy to implement the BDS campaign at York University

- Attended and spoke at Ontario Confederation of University Faculty Associations (OCUFA) "Town Hall on Austerity and the University). Event took place at OISE from 7pm-9pm.

Sunday, March 31 - 2013

- Finalized transition meeting of the Executive Committee.
- "Hi comrades, The transition-meeting of the CUPE 3903 Executive Committee will be on Thursday, in the union offices (Technology Enhanced Building Rm 2050) on April 04.

Please forward (off-list) any items you would like to see on the agenda. I'll be putting it together over the next few days, and will circulate it on Wednesday morning."

Monday, April 01 - 2013

- Responded to requests from staff and CUPE 1281
- Organized tentative agenda for April 04 meeting of the Executive Committee
  - Circulated tentative agenda on Executive Committee listserv and the Events page of the CUPE 3903 website
  - <http://3903.cupe.ca/updir/3903/ExecCommAgenda-April04.pdf>

Tuesday, April 02 - 2013

- Participated in CUPE National "phone in town-hall meeting" (7:15pm-8:00pm). Conference call facilitated by CUPE National President, Paul Moist. Purpose of conference call was to discuss and become aware of potential anti-union legislation which would:
  - allow members to "opt-out" of paying the portion of their dues that go towards political-organizing and political campaigns.
  - defund-unions
  - weaken voice of trade-union movement
  - limit how dues-dollars are spent
- The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) is embarking upon a nation-wide advertising campaign to inform the public about these proposed changes. And CUPE has endorsed the campaign.
- Asked the following question: "Good evening, Brother Paul. My name is Faiz Ahmed, I am at Local 3903, York University. My question is about ways to support the advertising campaign put forth by the CLC. Specifically, are there any conversations about recruiting or resourcing paid organizers to go out into communities so that organizers can go door-to-door and politically canvas public

opinion?”

- Answer: CUPE National is pooling resources with other unions and will be hiring polling and surveying firms to do so. Also, CUPE National will be supporting a group called Common Causes (by way of book-offs) to engage in door-to-door canvassing.

Friday, April 05 - 2013

- Setup Doodle Poll to organize meeting of the Executive Committee and Staff
  - <http://doodle.com/vxv5c5efzts2hcvp>

Saturday, April 06 - 2013

- Updated website to include the names of the 2013/14 members of the Executive Committee.
- Sent following email to members of the 2013/14 Executive Committee: “Hi there, I've updated the website to reflect the names and positions of 2013/14 Executive Committee. <http://3903.cupe.ca/executive> Please feel free to send me (preferably off-list) any links you would like associated with your name (FB, LinkedIn, Blog, Website, etc..) Also, please note that the bottom of the page includes a link to "Executive Reports". This was created last year, with the idea that members could see what we're up to each month. I'm happy to post your monthly reports moving forward, but I'll need written permission from you to do so. It's a great way of being transparent and also to leave a record of your involvement with 3903.”

Monday, April 08 - 2013

- Organized tentative agenda for April 10 meeting of the Executive Committee
  - Circulated tentative agenda on Executive Committee listserv and the Events page of the CUPE 3903 website
  - <http://3903.cupe.ca/updir/3903/ExecCommAgenda-April10.pdf>

Wednesday, April 10 - 2013

- Setup Doodle Poll to organize meeting of the Executive Committee and Staff
  - <http://doodle.com/6wudneyac87ys5yy>

Friday, April 12 - 2013

- Posted “office calendar” in the boardroom of union office.
- Organized tentative agenda for April 16 “Special General Membership Meeting”
  - Circulated tentative agenda on union listserv and the Events page of the CUPE 3903 website
  - <http://3903.cupe.ca/updir/3903/3903TransCaucusMotiondraft.pdf>

Monday, April 15 - 2013

- Organized tentative agenda for April 18 meeting of the Executive Committee
  - Circulated tentative agenda on Executive Committee listserv and the

Events page of the CUPE 3903 website

- <http://3903.cupe.ca/updir/3903/ExecCommAgenda-April18.pdf>

Wednesday, April 17 - 2013

- Purchased furniture dolly and delivered it to the union office

Thursday, April 25 - 2013

- Attended Students Against Israeli Apartheid end of year celebrations

Friday, April 26 - 2013

- Responded to invitation request from Christine Vivaldo (Executive Assistant to Barry Miller Faculty Relations Dept.) to attend meeting of the University Budget committee with Rhonda Lenton, Gary Brewer and Barry Miller.
- Meeting will either be on May 27 - 3:00 - 4:30pm OR May 30 - 2:30 - 4:00pm

Monday, April 29 - 2013

- Organized tentative agenda for "April 30 General Membership Meeting"
  - Circulated tentative agenda on union listserv and the Events page of the CUPE 3903 website  
<http://3903.cupe.ca/updir/3903/April30GMMAgenda.pdf>
- Made edits to CUPE 3903 submission to York University Graduate Students' Association 2013/14 handbook.
  - Thank you to Staff Representative Mohan Mishra, who took the lead on this project.