Howdy comrades,

As part of my campaign for the position of Communications Officer at CUPE

3903, I would like to share with you some of the qualities I will bring to

this position.

Goals for  the immediate short-term (2-6wks):

I will reconvene 'monthly meetings of the Communications and Distribution

Committees' (a requirement by way of our constitution) so the important

tasks of organizing and distributing our newsletters and keeping our

website updated may resume regularly.

I have experience in both news-letter layout and website/blog development.

In 2007-08 I helped setup (as an editor) a Fredericton based labour

newspaper called The Citizens' Press. Although the paper is no longer

available in a hardcopy format, it continues online @

[http://citizenspress.org](http://citizenspress.org/)

Also, during 2009-10, I sat on the board of the New Brunswick Media Co-op,

one of the only independent media outlets in the province

[http://nbmediacoop.org](http://nbmediacoop.org/)

Further to this, as an editor/administrator of two news-aggregating

websites: [http://leftnews.org](http://leftnews.org/) & [http://southandcentralasiacomment.org](http://southandcentralasiacomment.org/) , I

have a decent understanding of website development software and language.

Goals for the remainder of the academic year:

In addition to assisting the executive with the projects they currently

have underway, I will introduce a research & poster campaign to explore

extending our status as protected-workers to the PostDoc community at

York. From my experience as an academic-sector union organizer in PEI and

NB (2006-08), I have a deep appreciation for timing; and post-bargaining,

our union has a wonderful opportunity to look into further strengthening

workers' rights at York over the next 8 months, and act upon it should

there be genuine interest.

All of this is to say that I am very excited about running for the

position of Communications Officer. I've got the time and the drive to

engage with it in a realistic way. I look forward to making my

presentation to you at the September 26th GMM (11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Harry

Crowe Room  109 Atkinson) and earning your vote. Please feel free to email

me with any questions you may have: fahmed@citizenspress.org

Talk soon!

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