

Report of the Union Recognition Committee

The GSU Union Recognition Committee (URC) is composed of the following members:

- Chair:** Anthony Drozdowski, Regional Vice-President, Nova Scotia
- Co-Chair:** Ian Leblanc, Regional Vice-President, National Capital Region
- Members:** Shannon Mayer, Local President 40007
Shawn Hunter, Local President 50058
Michael Murphy Local President 90031
- Technical Advisors:** Diane Rancourt and Maria Thomas

The Committee held its first meeting on March 20, 2024. We successfully established a positive working relationship among the new members. The primary focus of the meeting was to bring forth and discuss potential topic questions for this year's bursaries essay question. After the deliberations, members selected the following question: *"How should the union engage new members in the public service? Comment le syndicat devrait-il impliquer les nouveaux membres dans la fonction publique?"* The 2024 bursaries kickoff announcement posters are updated and in process of being published on GSU website and disseminated to Locals.

The Committee also considered the possibility of adding a new bursary in memory of Marc-André Guignard. After its deliberations, the committee voted to propose to the NC a recommendation to create a new annual award of merit in memory of Marc-André Guignard instead of a bursary. That award would come with a plaque and a monetary gift of \$500. The award selection criteria would be *"going above and beyond in demonstration of exemplary work and dedication to the local and membership"*. The nomination and selection process would follow the existing bylaw procedures. That approach would emphasize and promote the usage of the GSU Merit Awards.

In closing, I would like to thank the members of the committee, GSU National President, Bruce Roy, and the GSU staff (Diane Rancourt and Maria Thomas) for their support and dedication.

Sincerely,

Anthony Drozdowski
Regional Vice-President
Nova Scotia