

Report of the National Vice-President, Martine Babcook To GSU National Council – April 2022

Sister and Brothers, I am pleased to send this report to you for our very first in-person National Council meeting in April of 2022.

Firstly, I would like to extend a thank you to all of you who have supported me in my continued role as National Vice-President.

As Chair of the GSU Finance Committee I will be presenting you with an unaudited position of financial statements. The Finance Committee met virtually on April 6-7, 2022 to go over this report and to have an overview of what our role is as per Regulation 6 of the GSU Bylaws, Regulations & Policies. As previously stated, GSU is in a great financial situation as you will see. We will be meeting sometime soon to look over the audited financial statements and to also start preparing the budget for the years 2024 and 2025.

With Brother Roy as our new National President, some of my roles have remained the same while others have been added. I have the RPS portfolio, and I attend bi-weekly meeting on updates; as restrictions are lifting, we are looking at what it will look like going back to work. I know in the Western Region as of April 26, 2022 and going forward every Tuesday will be an in-office day for those who choose to go into the office.

As chair of the Discipline Committee, I was tasked to review a complaint that was brought to the attention of the GSU National President. This was done in consultation with Sisters Doucet and Soubra. I am also assisting Brother Roy in negotiating the Collective Agreement for the GSU staff.

I've been dealing with Covid issues with a few members from Local 30001 who do not fall under the medical or religious exemption, and I know it's been very hard on the Local to deal with this situation but with the help of Brother Girard we are able to somewhat satisfy the members going forward.

I am also on the PSAC Finance Committee, and we had our pre-convention Committee meeting from March 5 to 16, 2022, and was looking forward to going in person to the PSAC Convention in Winnipeg.

I look forward to seeing you all at National Council

In Solidarity,

Martine Babcook
National Vice-President GSU