

## **Report of the National Vice-President, Martine Babcook**

### **July – September report**

In late June when the Treasury Board suspended the mandatory vaccinations for federal workers, I was dealing with Locals who had members with various concerns: from employees who were on LWOP questioning if they were going to be compensated for their time off, to employees who complied with the mandatory vaccines wondering what that would look like being in the office with someone who had not. A few of these from the Western Region ending up filing grievances, others were just inquiries from members. Mental Health Working Group is an ongoing monthly consultation with various topics from experts and the Ombudsman's office as well. I believe there are updates that go out to the regions. I attend the monthly Real Property consultation meetings at the last meeting, I brought forward the concerns of members from National Council in Toronto as to what will the working space be like once we see employees going back to the office. Digital Services Branch gave us an updated power point presentation on the following.

- M365 Update
- Email platform evolution
- Windows and Securing of End Points
- Cloud update
- Traveling with IT assets

I mentioned at National Council that the GSU Staff has a Collective Agreement that Bruce and I negotiated.

As chair of the GSU Finance Committee I presented the audited financial reports to National Council in Toronto as well as a camera shot of GSU's Financial position.

In Solidarity,

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