Last week at the CUPE National Convention we witnessed the power of solidarity as members brought forward resolutions for discussion. These resolutions covered topics such as fighting Bill 124 which was introduced in Ontario, affecting health-care professionals with wage-suppression legislation, and adopting a CUPE-wide Anti-Racism Strategy as well as many more. It was a great week of learning and I am thankful to have been a part of it.

Katie Robertson

**November 22, 2021** – I attended the Zoom meeting for the Indigenous Caucus. It was informative to pre-discuss the elections, constitutional changes, and amendments that are important to Indigenous groups. Especially important a I have never been to a national Convention and I am not familiar with the system.

**November 23-26, 2021** – On the first day it was so awesome to see and hear our CUPE BC Elder open the convention for us, The BC Elder’s brother sang a welcoming song.

It was so powerful to see so many people together and working towards common goals while being able to speak their truths.

What an amazing Union we have. I thank you all for supporting me to go to this event. It was an invaluable experience.

Kerra Michel

This was my 1st CUPE National Convention. It was nice to see the faces of the President and Vice Presidents. It was an interesting convention as it was online but it still was good and learned a lot about resolutions. Mostly this time I learned a lot of terms. You don’t realize how many terms there are until you go to these and let me tell you, I was writing down ALOT of terms and finding out what the difference between them were. I also asked a lot of questions. Lol. It was also good for us as an executive to have discussions on different topics and discuss our own experiences. I enjoyed the convention and look forward to another one.

Melissa Finlay

**Cupe National Convention Nov 2021 Report**

The CUPE National Convention was held by Zoom this year in November. The platform that they used was very well done. It was really nice hearing all the speakers, and seeing what resolutions hit the floor. They did have elections going around this time. Mark Hancock got elected as National President and we were sad to see Charles the national treasurer retire.

We look forward to all the new elected people.

As I enjoyed convention and all the union things I learned. I really did miss the in person conventions. Hopefully we will be able to have an in- person convention soon.

Kelsey Scholz

It was nice to be able to attend convention again. Even though it wasn’t in person, we attended it virtually, but it gave us the opportunity to all come together and watch it in our CUPE 5101 office. Our executive is mostly new and it was great to be with them all and explain things to them as hey happened.

The convention itself was great, it being a National Convention there were a lot of attendees from all over the country. A lot of motions were passed on how CUPE National conducts business, so as the year goes on we will start to see some of those changes take effect. It was also great to see a lot of talk and presentations on Truth and Reconciliation. I am looking forward to the next convention and hoping it’s in person, as the experience is so much different in person. The networking with other locals and executive is just not the same virtually.

Adam Clutchey