



RATIFICATION VOTE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 5, 2020, 3:00 PM

Via Zoom

(Meeting invitations circulated via email)

AGENDA

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Roll Call of Officers
3. Reading of the Equality Statement (see reverse)
4. Negotiating Committee: Presentation and discussion of Employer's Offer to Settle (distributed via email, August 25, 2020).
5. Motion: That the Local accept the Employer's Offer to Settle of August 17, 2020.
6. New Business
7. Adjournment

Equality Statement

Union solidarity is based on the principle that union members are equal and deserve mutual respect at all levels. Any behaviour that creates conflict prevents us from working together to strengthen our union.

As unionists, mutual respect, cooperation and understanding are our goals. We should neither condone nor tolerate behaviour that undermines the dignity or self-esteem of any individual or creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive environment.

Discriminatory speech or conduct which is racist, sexist, transphobic or homophobic hurts and thereby divides us. So too, does discrimination on the basis of ability, age, class, religion, language and ethnic origin.

Sometimes discrimination takes the form of harassment. Harassment means using real or perceived power to abuse, devalue or humiliate. Harassment should not be treated as a joke. The uneasiness and resentment that it creates are not feelings that help us grow as a union.

Discrimination and harassment focus on characteristics that make us different; and they reduce our capacity to work together on shared concerns such as decent wages, safe working conditions, and justice in the workplace, society and in our union.

CUPE's policies and practices must reflect our commitment to equality. Members, staff and elected officers must be mindful that all persons deserve dignity, equality and respect.