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Election Complaint

Although the elections were completed a while ago, there has been a complaint that the elections were handled inappropriately. This complaint is being taken very seriously and will be investigated thoroughly by the Executive Board at their meeting next week. The Executive Board is the First Level of response for complaints of this nature as per the CAW Constitution.

Executive Meetings

The Local Union Executive Board will be meeting in Ottawa on The 18th and 19th of November. These meetings are to conduct the business of the local and will also give the newest members of the executive the opportunity to meet the rest of the executive face to face. An informal meeting is planned to introduce the new executive to management.

Local 2245 - Air Traffic Specialists agree with TSS

In a letter to our president, Derek Yakielashek Local 2245 President supported our position on TSS work ownership. *“The decentralization of national training shall not be used by the Employer to change long-standing and traditional duties of my members or yours, regardless of what region or geographic area they may occur in”*. This letter is a strong indication of support from Local 2245 and along with the letter from CATCA will definitely help in our fight to maintain the work of our members. Both letters can be viewed on our website. <http://caw1016.ca>.

Classification Review

The classification committee will be meeting with Deloitte in Ottawa on November 17th to review the remaining PDQ's and to plan the next steps in the review process. We hope to have a revised timeline after these meetings.

Trustee Report

The Trustees met with the Financial Secretary in Vancouver at the end of September to go over the Local's finances. The Trustee's Report will be available online shortly.

In The CAW

Jim Stanford, the CAW's Economist, has released his new book "Economics For Everyone". The book is a "short"(350pages) guide to the economics of capitalism. "Economics is too important to be left to the economists. This brilliantly concise and readable book provides non-specialist readers with all the information they need to understand how capitalism works (and how it doesn't)." For more information on the book go to www.economicsforeveryone.com.

Metro Vancouver needs more buses now. A campaign is being run by our union brothers and sisters at CAW Local 111 to push the provincial government and TransLink to take action to improve our vital bus system for everyone. To help with this campaign please go to www.morebusesnow.com and click on the icon to send a message to Transportation Minister Kevin Falcon. (If you aren't from the Vancouver area you will need to cut and paste the email address as it won't recognize your postal code)

URGENT! Please connect to the following link regarding a vote in investing in the auto industry to save our jobs and economy. Flaherty is sitting on the fence, yet he seems to have no problem in bailing out the big banks and financial sector, with no direct return on investment.
<http://www.cbc.ca/money/story/2008/11/12/flahertyautos.html>

Made in Canada Matters Campaign Spending by governments is a key part of the overall economy. A combined \$544 billion was spent last year by municipal, provincial and federal governments. This spending happens largely in the absence of any rules around the origin of purchased goods and services. We are asking all levels of government to adopt policies to ensure that many of the goods and services purchased with citizens' dollars are made in Canada, or have a high level of Canadian content. For more information on this campaign go to <http://www.caw.ca/en/4708.htm>.