

Report from the 2016 BC Federation of Labour Convention – Jamey Mills

Thank you for the support to attend the BC Federation of Labour Convention November 28 to December 2, 2016 in Vancouver. I attended the event as a delegate of Local 20027 and was happy to attend this convention again. I have attended several times now in different capacities. In past I have been the BC Federation of Labours Young Workers Chairperson and a member of the Executive Council. I have also attended several times as a delegate of my Local.

It was a privilege to attend this convention as an active member of the Community and Social Action Committee as well as the standing resolutions committee. I feel my extensive experience in the Labour movement and on numerous other convention/standing committees made me an excellent representative of PSAC on both of these committees. A lot of hard work is put in by both members of the committees as well as BC Fed staff to ensure the outcome is successful.

As presented on convention floor, it was obvious that the CSAC had an ambitious agenda. Consultation amongst stakeholders within labour and community groups was ongoing throughout the cycle, and I look forward to seeing our goals regarding Poverty Reduction Week and the re-establishment of Workers Actions Centres come to fruition. This has been a fantastic group of activists to work with and get to know better.

While I personally found many of the resolutions on the floor to be “Motherhood” resolutions it was great to see and hear the diverse perspective of speakers from throughout the region. I always find it engaging and a learning experience. From a committee perspective it was a great opportunity again to meet other activists and get insight to the perspective of other affiliates.

I found the actual agenda to be well balance between speakers and resolutions. It was very insightful and emotional to hear about residential schools and uncommon but appreciated to have a left-leaning comedian entertain the delegation.

I was happy to see a great turnout of PSAC activists from throughout the region but will admit we should have a lager presence at the convention. I was the only Union of Taxation Employees member in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

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