



## **PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW**

### **April 1 – April 7, 2019**

Hello all,

Last week started in Vancouver with SOC President Dan Kimmerly for Cornell University's two day course, Managing with a Labour Lens. This course was also attended by leaders from BCGEU, MoveUp, IATSE, HEU, BC Federation of Labour, and the Canadian Labour Congress. Many thanks to Cornell's Kim Cook for putting this on.

Wednesday was mostly admin work, but also included a conference call about the status of our campaign against Worker Abuse with Point Blank Creative.

Thursday morning was a staff meeting to review and confirm policies about grievance file management and review (and a few other items). With implementing of these policies, I am hopeful our members will see more consistent and timely action on grievances.

On Thursday evening, I met with BC Ferries Vice President of Business Development Jamie Marshall in Vancouver to discuss an upcoming joint presentation of the Union and Company for the Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference.

On Friday morning I was at another management training course, but this training was unfortunately interrupted by news of a member (Terminal Attendant) being assaulted by a passenger. This member was working alone when attacked, and called to the recently departed ship for help against their attacker. BC Ferries' ship board management chose not to return to dock and left the employee alone until the RCMP could arrive. Decisions like this, weighing on time performance over employee safety, highlights why our upcoming campaign against worker abuse is so important. Given the severity of this incident, our Union will be investigating and seeking redress. Thankfully, our reports tell us that this member did not suffer significant physical injury; nonetheless, our thoughts are with them.

Next Week: Preparing for the Canadian Marine Advisory Council, getting started on our submission for amending the Workers Compensation Act, chatting with Blair Redlin, congratulating Shirley Mathieson on her reappointment to the Authority Board and talking with a new authority board appointment.

Thanks for reading and I hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity,  
**BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION**

Brother Graeme Johnston  
Provincial President