

**December
2022**

AUPE069

LET'S GET TOGETHER!
Seasonal events, see below!

A message from Local 069 Chair Wendy Jewell:

Greetings of the season to all members, may the approaching holidays find you and yours in good health. Spring 2023 is just around the corner! That means: AGM, and an election year for all executive positions. Enjoy this time with family and loved ones, get some rest, eat lots of good food. Here's to rest and re-energizing for us all as we face a new year of challenges and opportunities. In solidarity!

2022 AUPE Convention October 27-29

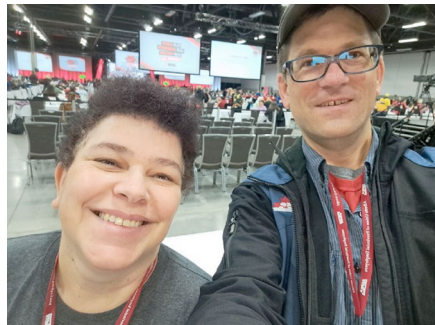
AUPE Convention 2022 was held at the Edmonton EXPO Centre, in person for the first time since 2019. With over 1000 delegates from across the province the energy on the convention floor was palpable.

Local 069 was represented by Frazer Andrews, Davina Goettlicher, Shelly Piliszanski, and Graham Stewart (delegates); and Mike MacLean and Aretha Smith (observers). Any Members interested are strongly encouraged to put their names forward to attend convention 2023!

A few highlights from the Convention proceedings include: a proposed dues increase was defeated, our Constitution will now include more inclusive language, and we'll see more OH&S involvement at the Local level.

Your union is one of the most diverse in North America, with members serving in Healthcare, Education, Corrections / Law Enforcement, Government, and Sustainable Resources (to name a few). Convention is a rare opportunity to meet under one roof and find common cause.

Check out AUPE President Guy Smith's opening address [here \(YouTube\)](#), and find information on convention [here](#) (includes list of committees and minutes from 2021 convention. 2022 Minutes will be available soon).

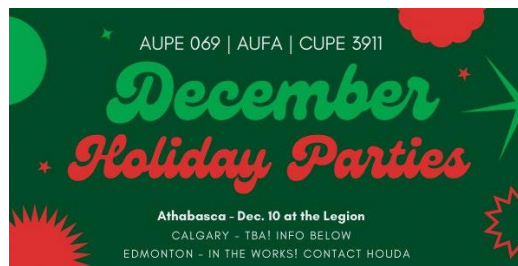


A. Smith and M. MacLean on convention floor



M. MacLean, F. Andrews, S. Piliszanski, D. Goettlicher, D. McKenzie, A. Smith (downtown Edmonton)

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LET'S GET TOGETHER: December events

CALGARY: Dr. Eloy Rivas Sanchez is planning a December meal and meet-up for AUFA, AUPE069, and CUPE3911 members. Local 069 will contribute to meal expenses for members who attend. Contact Eloy **now** for details:

herivass@gmail.com, tel: 403-312-4292

EDMONTON: Dr. Houda Trabelsi is happy to help plan a December meal/meet-up but she is waiting to hear from **YOU**. Please contact Houda if you are interested:

htrabelsi2022@gmail.com

ATHABASCA: Local 069 members, along with AUFA and CUPE3911 colleagues, are meeting at Athabasca Legion Branch #103, Saturday December 10th. Doors at 6:00pm: visits, games, and music through the evening. This invitation is extended to former and retired members. If you are coming from out-of-town, local members are ready to billet you for an overnight stay. Contact aupelocal69@gmail.com to RSVP and/or confirm overnight plans. Can't make it in person? Join remotely at 7:00pm for a virtual *Hello* and we will toast the season together:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85061724748?pwd=NHA4MFB1UUNsR1VkL3BscXM0WTRtZz09> (Passcode is 127363 if needed)

IN RECOGNITION

Local 069's own **Erin Holdner** was among those honoured with the **Recognition of Activism for Leadership in Youth (RALY) Award!** There are locals out there with thousands of members and Local 069 is quite tiny in comparison to many. It's pretty great that Erin has been recognized, and I hope you will [take a moment to learn more about the award and this recognition of Erin's work.](#)

Frazer Andrews is working hard toward achieving Union Steward classification. The journey to become Union Steward requires multiple courses, both online and in-person, and we are cheering Frazer on to the finish line. Local 069 needs more stewards, do you have it in you? Find out more about what it takes to become a Union Steward [here.](#)

Let us know about a member who deserves recognition: Who and Why? Send your message via aupelocal69@gmail.com

NEW TO LOCAL 069?

Local 069 represents the support staff of Athabasca University. We work in solidarity with our AUFA (professional and academic) and CUPE3911 (tutor and academic expert) colleagues. [Find your Local 069 site here;](#) update your info and request your AUPE grey card [here,](#) and reach out to us to let us know more about *you* via aupelocal69@gmail.com. We are happy to hear from you and we will do our best to answer any questions.

COMING SOON:

- Social events in 2023: family skate? Movie night? Remote trivia? Disc golf? Get involved and help us plan events.
- Bright and creative minds needed! Get involved with the Communications and Engagement Committee by expressing your interest via aupelocal69@gmail.com

