

President's Message

We have officially entered the winter season and weather you enjoy the outdoor activities available this time of year or cozying up in your home with loved ones, I hope you are finding time to do what makes you happy and healthy.

We continue to move forward in life and work during these strange times. You have had a significant impact in our provincial success thus far in containing the pandemic. Thank you for your continued efforts and even with exhaustion of COVID life you continue to push through.

It is important to mention the Employer changed their mind on their plan to contract out the work of Health Records to Iron Mountain and maintain the work within the Nova Scotia Health and with our members. We celebrate this good news for our members in the Administrative Professionals Bargaining Unit.

All four provincial Collective Agreements have expired and we are preparing for this round of bargaining to begin in the very near future. Stay tuned for further information when it becomes available.

Please ensure to stay connected with us by visiting our website at www.8920.cupe.ca

Stay Safe!
In Solidarity,



Bev Strachan
President CUPE 8920

The Health Information Systems (HIS) Recap

At the end of November NSH announced it was contracting out scanning and indexing to Iron Mountain, a multinational firm, thus eliminating 91 Health Information System jobs across the Province. For the next week NSH met with these members via telephone to deliver the news with no answers to their many questions. CUPE and NSGEU immediately began gathering information and lobbying government to try and stop the contracting out of good, public sector jobs. It was a long road with many twists and turns, but on January 22, 2021, President Bev Strachan delivered this message to our members, "NSH has announced today that they will not be contracting out your scanning and indexing work to Iron Mountain". "Today we stand in the positive news that contracting out of public work to a private company will not occur."

IT'S BURSARY TIME

*Don't forget to check out our website at 8920.cupe.ca for the application form for our bursaries. You will find information on the number of bursaries that are given each year, who is eligible and of course the deadline, which is **April 15, 2021**. Also on our website you can find the application form for the CUPE Nova Scotia Higgins Insurance Scholarship and the Rocky Jones Bursary, the deadline for these bursaries is also **April 15, 2021**. Please keep that date in mind, as late applications will not be processed.*

Upcoming Event

Annual General Membership Meeting (AGM) 2021

CUPE Local 8920's annual general membership meeting is usually held in May of each year. As we are still under COVID restrictions, the Executive has decided to move the AGM to sometime in October in the hopes that we may actually be able to have an in person AGM. We are still looking at holding our AGM at Oak Island.

We will continue to monitor the situation and keep you updated as things unfold.