

Secretary Treasurer's Yearly Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

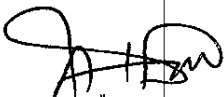
Last year around this time, I was honoured to be elected to the position of Local Secretary-Treasurer by the membership of the Toronto Local. It meant a lot to me that our members are recognizing the need for hard, transparent and honest work to turn our Local's finances around. I took the trust and the responsibilities of Secretary-Treasurer of our Local just as seriously as I did for you for two terms as the Chief Shop Steward of Gateway East/ Kestrel/WPDH. I've never worked harder. But I've never had such a rewarding job as serving our membership. My singular aim each day and with the help of others, is to make our Local into what members need it to be: a good, accountable, focused, united and strong Local. After one year, our Toronto Local is in a great financial situation. Here are some of our accomplishments:

- **The Auditor looked at the Toronto Local's financial books for the fiscal year of July 1/2016 to June 30 /2017 (Although Doug Jones was the Secretary -Treasurer until March 31/2017, but this work was important to know our Financial situation)**
- **We settled all outstanding bills that were owed to different organizations**
- **The Toronto Local Trustee Committee reviewed our Local's financial books and they reported to the General membership. The books are now up to date**
- **We started needing repairs on our building at 47 Densley Rd. We started with the roof and replaced it with a new one. More work is needed on the inside of the building. This will be done in a timely manner. We want our building and especially the General Membership Meeting Hall, to eventually meet the expectations of you, our members. After all it is the membership's investment, and that we are taking care of**
- **We improved the ways we communicate with you, thanks to the hard work of Brothers Mark Brown, Tom Godfrey and Darren Kelley. The Toronto Local Website is always updated. The Toronto Local paper, The Voice, is reaching our members with new and important items**

My first year as an elected officer of the Toronto Local has been a very challenging but also a rewarding one. I will use the next few years in office to better serving you the membership and especially when it comes to addressing your day-to-day work-related issues. We are also in Contract Negotiations. UNITY is the ONLY OPTION that we have to reach a good Collective Agreement. Each of us want a stable and secure job with good benefits to meet our needs and those of our families. That means each of us must play his/her part and take the initiative to participate in today's fight for tomorrow's job security.

The Toronto Local is fully committed to being there for all of our members and at all times. I am committed to doing my part in protecting our Local's finances and to ensure that they are used wisely and responsibly during my service to you, as Secretary-Treasurer of your Toronto Local. Thanks again, for your continued trust and support.

In Solidarity,



**Abdi Hagi Yusuf,
Secretary – Treasurer,
C.U.P.W., Toronto Local**

March 13, 2018

