Combined Report on
72nd CFS Semi-Annual National General Meeting
8th - 11th June 2019, Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata, ON

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Introduction

It is our pleasure that we participated as delegates on behalf of the Graduate Students Union (GSU) of MUN, CFS Local 100 at the 72nd CFS Semi-Annual National General Meeting on Brookstreet Hotel, Kanata, ON from the June 8th to June 11th, 2019. We started our journey early morning on June 7th, 2019 from St. John’s and reached the destination on the same day afternoon.

The following are the proceedings described on daily basis,

Day 0: June 7th, 2019

Informal gathering was setup for Newfoundland & Labrador component to discuss on how the meeting outlook is gonna look like

Day 1: June 8th, 2019

Registration and Welcome Remarks

We completed our registration (Mohammad Miah confirmed the registration payment) and attended the sessions of Anti-Oppression and Opening Plenary as delegates of GSU MUN, CFS Local 100 along with other delegates from Grenfell Local 36, MUNSU Local 35, Marine Institute Local 45 & CONA Local 46.

Anti-Oppression Workshop

Delegates were involved in discussions to address the system of power, allyship, and privilege. Discussed on ways that will mitigate the power imbalance that exists in our society.

Opening Plenary

The CFS discussed on the agenda and motions. We presented here as delegates of Local 100, MUN GSU, NL Component.

Following registration, all delegates gathered in the conference room for the ritual procession of the Circle of First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people, which was followed by an acknowledgment of the land. The Guest of Honor, Elder Annie Smith St-Georges and Andre Robert St-Georges welcomed delegates with their opening remarks and speech.

Workshop: Student Choice Initiative

The workshop focused on the impact of the student choice initiative brought forward by the Ontario Government which directly impacts the governing capacity of the student’s bodies across the province. The initiative is a way to hit hard on the solidarity among the student unions under the CFS umbrella, by enforcing this law without consulting the student bodies or the Federation on a larger scale.

Day 2: June 9th, 2019

Provincial/Regional Meetings

All delegates from NL components were represented by Local 100, 35, 36 & 46. It was chaired by NL
representative – Bailey Howard.

This meeting discussed on different agenda including the preparation for sub-committees and review of motions for consideration. The committee decided that some delegates including Local 100 from NL component will represent each of the following plenary sub-committees:

**Plenary Subcommittee’s**

**Budget Committee**

Pragadeesh Ravichandran (from Local 100)

Mohammad Islam Miah (Represented National Graduate Caucus)

**Policy Review and Development Committee**

Represented by Sarah Khalil (from Local 100)

**Campaigns and Government relations Forum**

Represented by Narendra Singh (from Local 100)

**Constituency Groups**

**Women’s Constituency Meeting:**

Represented by Sarah Khalil (from Local 100)

**International Students Constituency Group**

Attended by Mohammad Islam Miah, Narendra Singh and Pragadeesh Ravichandran.

**National Graduate Caucus**

Narendra Singh, Sarah Khalil, Pragadeesh Ravichandran and Mohammad Islam Miah attended this meeting to represent the Local 100 of NL.

**Day 3: June 10th, 2019**

**Constituency Group**

All constituency delegates attended their respective sessions to represent their sub-committees.

Following the provincial/regional meetings, constituency meetings then took place, where students who attended were those who self-identified as budget & International students etc.

Mohammad Miah along with Pragadeesh Ravichandran and others, were elected to represent Newfoundland and Labrador at Budget Committee.
At Budget Committee, discussions emphasizing on National executive motion (N02), review of 2019 financial statement, review of 2018-2019 revised budget (based on the motion), and adoption of 2019-2020 Budget along with importance of transparency and appointment of Auditors etc.

Provincial/Regional Meetings

Discussed updates from the sub-committees,

Meetings: Plenary Sub-Committee

Again, we discussed on the agenda to get the final decisions.

Elections Forum

Contestants for different positions were called forward to make presentations and answer questions from floor delegates. Position were vacant to be filled from Prince Edward Island Province.

Caucus Meetings

Narendra Singh, Pragadeesh Ravichandran and Mohammad Miah attended this session. We addressed our Union activities and issues faced and shared them with other unions representatives who seemed to have similar issues.

Day 4: June 11th, 2019

Constituency Group

Similar to previous days, we attended in different groups. Finally, we decided to go forward for all motions (as per the meeting decisions) if we are on the same page.

Provincial/Regional Meetings

We discussed the final decision from the sub-committees to pass on the recommendation to Closing Plenary.

Closing Remarks

We attended as a delegation from Local 100 like other delegates

Closing Plenary

Based on the decision of different caucuses, groups and subcommittees, all motions were put forward for voting and adoption. Besides, the election was held for the PEI positions and no one was elected because of no representation from locals from PEI province.
Summary of Motion Voted on:

Motion NO8 (withdrawn)
Motion NO11 (withdrawn)
Motion NO1 (accepted) voted in favor

Motion NO2 (failed) voted against the motion because there is already a provision to supplement delegate fees or ask for it.

Motion NO3 (accepted) voted in favor
Motion NO4 (accepted) voted in favor
Motion NO5 (accepted) voted in favor
Motion NO6 (accepted) voted in favor
Motion NO7 (accepted) voted in favor
Motion NO9 (failed) voted against the motion
Motion NO10 (failed) voted against the motion
Motion NO12 (failed) voted against the motion
Motion NO13 (passed) voted in favor
Motion NO14 (passed) voted in favor
Motion NO15 (passed) voted in favor
Motion NO16 (passed) voted in favor

Emergency Motions

Members voted on a number of motions during the National General Meeting. Here are some of the issues the Federation has been mandated to act on (details of the motion are attached on the pdf file):

- Motion by Circle of First Nations:
  Motion: Passed (voted in favor of the motion)

Motion by Local 78
Motion: Passed (voted in favor of the motion)

Motion by local 49
Motion: Passed (voted in favor of the motion)
Motion by Local 109

Motion: Passed (voted in favor of the motion)

We arrived St. John’s back on Wednesday afternoon, June 12th June, 2019.

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Some selected pictures and link of 72nd CFS Semi-Annual National General Meeting, 2019:

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