



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING CANCELLED

Sisters and Brothers:

Over the past several days, I have received a number of complainants and concerns regarding the bulletins for this meeting.

One was that the notices of the meeting were not posted on all bulletin boards. Many members sent me the pictures of the CUPW bulletin boards with no posting. This is a violation of the Toronto Local By-Laws – Section 9 (d).

I have also received many complaints about the virtual General Membership meeting using Zoom and how the Local can ensure security, confidentiality, privacy, following the agenda items and access to the bandwidth to our members for full participations. Some members do not have access to a computer and awareness of virtual meetings. Some members also raised their complaints to me through Shop Stewards.

After investigating this, I concluded that it could not be done and Local By-Laws and National Constitution be respected and followed.

With the Local By-Laws and the National Constitution not been able to be followed, I was left with no option but to cancel this meeting.

I do not want our members to take time off from work to attend the virtual meeting and we cannot facilitate a safe and secure meeting.

The Local will resolve all these barriers of technical issues and ensure that the Local has a General Membership meeting that all our members can participate in fully.

However, do not worry; I will continue to be visible on the floor to hear your concerns.

In Solidarity,



Qaiser Maroof,
President,
CUPW Toronto Local.

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