

AFFILIATION COMMITTEE - A.U.C.E. PROVINCIAL

QUESTIONS FOR BCGEU (OR OTHER UNION) - FROM SARA

A. GENERAL

1. What would GEU's attitude be to AUCE trying to affiliate to the CLC?
Would GEU accomodate this?
2. If we joined GEU - what structure would we adopt?
3. Could we affiliate as a whole?
4. Why should AUCE affiliate to the CLC? What benefits are there for us?
5. Why should we join GEU as opposed to CUPE, OTEU?
6. If we join GEU, what attitude would other unions with jurisdiction take?
7. What is GEU's attitude to individual AUCE locals affiliating?
8. What guarantees of us keeping a structure we negotiated with GEU for affiliation would there be, if we do join?
9. What is your overview of AUCE and our current needs?
10. How are your conventions delegated? What authority does it have?

B. CURRENT SITUATION

1. What are GEU's central bargaining issues?
2. What does GEU do for women under it's jurisdiction?
 - affirmative action
 - = pay for work of = value
 - maternity leave
 - women's committee: who is it?
 - why is it needed?
 - how does it function?
3. What are some examples of particularly impressive local gains?
4. What are your strategies to deal with the present federal & provincial attacks on the public sector?
5. What issues & strategies are particularly important for education workers?
6. What is your attitude toward joint bargaining by employers? (accreditation?)
7. What is GEU's strike experience?
 - What are it's strategies for disputes in the public sector?
 - What backup does it offer for strikes?
 - Strike fund?
8. What is their view/role in CLC/B C FED?

C. LOCALS AND CONSTITUTION

1. Who negotiates for locals?
2. Who services locals? What is relation of staff and local?
Who picks staff?
3. What is GEU's attitude to part-time workers? Temps? Student assistants?
Are they covered in contracts?
Do they have union rights?
4. How often do locals meet?
What is relationship between different levels of GEU structure and who has the last word in the decision?
5. Are there separate agreements for technical and clerical workers within one workplace?
What are the differentials between these groups wages?
6. What are their major grievances?
How often do they reach arbitration?
7. What is their attitude towards (i) regularization of employment
(ii) seniority
8. How do they apply good clauses from 1 local to another?
9. Do they have disciplinary measures?
What?
How do they work?

D. PROBLEMS

1. What is the relation of Marine and Ferry workers?
2. Why is there a 'democratic' caucus in GEU?
3. Can local decisions be overruled?