

**Report from**  
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Since becoming a National Vice President in late October 2019, so much as happened and the changes are many.

The first weekend I met with the Ontario Front-End Committee, where I learned about the issues our members face. One of the biggest issues was health and safety and now the priority as we go forward in this pandemic is to make sure all members are health and safety.

The Ontario Regional Health & Safety Committee has had two in-person meetings and three conference calls with the employer before the pandemic hit and now we are on the phone at least once every two weeks.

The Ontario Regional Women's Committee met in January 2020. They put on a self-care session with Luna on June 14, 2020 very successful.

I have been looking into the Ontario locals that are having issues. I was just getting into it when the pandemic hit. I plan on getting back to that so I can have Ontario in a better place than when I took over this position.

Let's talk about the pandemic and the challenges that came along with it. Here in Ontario we had planned our President's Conference for the beginning of March at the NAV Centre in Cornwall, ON, when the federal government announced it was bringing home the Canadians that were isolated on the cruise ship to be isolated for 14 days at the NAV Centre and would be there during our stay, so with the help of the National office we cancelled our conference and have not been able to reschedule it yet. I would like to thank Brigitte, Alain and Crystal for all your help.

This pandemic has brought a lot of sadness with the loss of so many people. It also brought fear of the unknown and how contagious COVID-19 is and there was no vaccine. As well as all the changes, wearing masks, gloves and social distancing, just to name a few.

I am seeing some positive coming from this, like the better cleaning protocol, access to PPE and working remotely from home and this is all because CEIU and the other unions were and still are fighting for the health and safety for our members.

I know we can get through this, as this National Executive is a strong team and can accomplish anything when we work together,

Thanks for making me feel welcome and part of this NE.

Take care and stay safe.

Paula