



## **UNION OF GRADUATE STUDENT WORKERS**

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### **Secretary's Report – Lydia White**

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Since November 2018, when I was elected as Secretary, I have served the union and its members through assisting the President and the Executive. Serving on the Executive Committee has been a very positive and rewarding experience as I was able to recognize the hard work that is being performed as Executive to ensure our members are being treated justly. As Secretary I have attended Executive Committee meetings where I have been active in discussions and voting on relevant matters, while being the minute-taker. As secretary, one of my key duties is to keep our membership list up to-date, process incoming contracts and ensure that all members are being paid promptly and efficiently.

I currently sit on the Joint Occupational Health and Safety Committee (JOHSC) for the Saint John campus where I act as the representative for our union to ensure our voice is heard when it comes to JOHSC decisions, e.g. the updated UNBSJ smoking policy. This past July I attended the WorkSafe NB JOHSC training course where I developed my skills in interpreting and understanding the legislature surrounding work environments to ensure all union members are working in safe workplaces.

At the upcoming winter general membership meeting, I intend to re-run as secretary for the union. If re-elected I look forward to continuing to serve as Secretary for the union and continuing to develop my skills to ensure that I am representing the members to the best of my abilities.

In Solidarity,

Lydia White