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President Report – Amy Savile

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Dear members,

This Thursday, I will be passing the torch to what we are proposing to be mutually shared leadership (one grad student and one post-doc).

It has been an honour to serve our Local and collaborate with our stewards, the GSA, and with other members of the Public Service Alliance of Canada and its nation-wide academic community. With their help, your Executive has worked hard to:

- create standardized and transparent systems for tackling administrative duties and fully supporting members
- address the many challenges in reaching out to members and collaborating/consulting with our employers
- enforce one unit's Collective Agreement while mobilizing for the best possible first contract for the other
- work with PSAC National to address the uniquely precarious nature of our work, with challenges ranging anywhere from securing health care for ourselves and our family to insufficient/unpredictable contract lengths and hours to make ends meet, and even challenges coming from provincial regulations and practices

The incoming Co-Directors (pending bylaw approval from members) will have the full support of the current Executive and our network of support from the PSAC and the broader Union community (UCLC, FDLC, CGEU, NBFL, CLC...). If you would like to serve and contribute to your Union in this or other roles, please put your name forward this Thursday. Feel free to ask the Executive any questions in advance. Our responsibility as members is then to use every opportunity to support and empower those who have taken the lead for us. We all can find diverse ways to contribute.

In Solidarity from your outgoing president!