



GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING NOTES

Local Union #9511

September 9, 2025 - Ottawa, ON

Health & Safety Summit - As many of you know, we are planning a summit of all the Local Union H&S Representatives. We want to bring everyone together under one roof, and make sure we are empowered and confident in addressing matters within our centres for everyone. The Summit is being moved to Spring 2026, as we are seeking additional funding to really make this an impactful and fun event. If you have previously submitted your TORs for October 2025, please speak to your supervisor to let them know that is being rescinded, and you should be scheduled normally that week. If you are a Health & Safety Representative or Joint H&S Committee member in your DTC and don't know about this, you need to get in contact with healthandsafety@usw9511.ca.

Stay tuned for more information as the Summit grows over the next few months!

Steelworker Education Courses - Our Local Union funds cover the costs of conducting our union business, including member education and training. If you'd like to become more involved, there are USW courses in many areas including training for union stewards, health and safety, Human Rights accommodation, and collective bargaining, as well as some courses for helping you find your voice or gain perspectives on labour. Check out <https://usw.ca/resources/d6-education-course-descriptions/> for all of the courses offered, and if you are interested in attending any, please email ask@usw9511.ca.

Women of Steel Committee - Our Women of Steel (WOS) Committee held their first meeting in August via video conference. Chaired by Danielle Bartley (DE3, Port Union), the discussion touched on many topics women are facing in our work across the province, and is currently determining their own mission on what WOS is going to be in our Local Union. If you would like more information, please reach out to danielle.bartley@usw9511.ca

Local Website - The Communications Committee is continuing to develop our local website at usw9511.ca. Members of the committee have attended training on how to operate, populate, and maintain the site, and now they are looking for information on what functionality we would like to see on our website. Any feedback or suggestions can be sent to ask@usw9511.ca.

National Gathering of Indigenous Steelworkers - Our Local sent two delegates, Pati Whitehead (DE4, Windsor) and John Longley (DE4, Lindsay) to the 4th National Gathering of Indigenous Steelworkers in Winnipeg, MB (Treaty One Territory) in July. Under the theme "Growing our circle", this gathering was a place for Indigenous Steelworkers to share their experiences and to contribute to our union's ongoing strategy for advancing the rights of Indigenous workers and communities. Both Pati and John reported the stories shared were ask@usw9511.ca



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powerful, and the experience was both informative and transformative. Our Local Union will be lobbying the Education Department to facilitate their amazing course, Unionism on Turtle Island, in the coming months, so stay tuned for opportunities to participate.

OFL Convention 2025 - A motion was passed to send up to five delegates (four regular delegates, and one Next Gen delegate) to the Ontario Federation of Labour Convention in November. The convention is happening in Toronto, November 17-21, 2025, and will bring together union activists from all of the various unions who are part of the Ontario Federation of Labour. Preference for registration will be given to our Local Union's Stewards, however anyone may express interest in attending. The Convention Call can be accessed at <https://ofl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025.08-CONVENTIONCALL-EN-JSCJRH-fin-1.pdf>. Please express interest before September 30, 2025, so we can take advantage of the early registration discount.

International Election Nominations - Nominations were voted on at the meeting for the up-coming International Election. Our Local Union has submitted a nomination for each of the offices up for election by our Local:

International President: Roxanne D. Brown
International Secretary - Treasurer: Myles Sullivan
International Vice President (Administration): Emil Ramirez
International Vice President (Human Affairs): Kevin Mapp
National Director of Canada: Marty Warren
International Vice President At Large: Amber Miller
International Vice President: Ganna Monastyrska*
District 6 (Ontario & the Maritimes) Director: Kevon Stewart**

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The nomination process continues for the month of September, while all other USW Local Unions complete their nominations. Once completed, all the nominations will be reviewed to ensure candidates have the necessary support (each candidate requires a minimum number of Local Unions to nominate them to be placed on the ballot), and we will be advised about the next steps in mid-October. Election day is November 25, 2025.

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Safe take-down date: November 18, 2025



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Video Conference Meetings - This meeting, as it included the nominations, was the first meeting we have conducted under changes to the International Constitution allowing for remote attendance. While there are going to be some technical and procedural challenges conducting meetings in this fashion, we are glad to have contributed to this important change so members have the ability to get information directly even when the meetings are not geographically close to them. The Local Executive will be reviewing how things went, and making recommendations for future meetings to help things run as smoothly as possible. We will also be hosting additional check up meetings in the interim to test things out and give people more opportunities to be connected. These meetings will include area meetings, as well as meetings for individual committees. Be on the look out for a schedule to be published for October. A motion was passed for a budget of \$2500.00 to purchase some additional A/V equipment to facilitate meetings like this in the future (computer, projector, microphones, etc).

Next Meeting - The next Executive and General Meetings are scheduled for November 11, 2025 in Toronto, ON. The Executive has committed to sending out a bulletin board notice three weeks in advance of the date, as well as MTMS alerts at three weeks, one week, the day before, and the day of the meeting going forwards.