



General Membership Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Jan 13, 2026 Kitchener, ON

Communications:

- District 6 will be running a "Spring School" with advanced Union Courses in May, 2026.
- A celebration of Life in memory of Leo W. Gerard Late-USW International President emeritus 1947-2025 will be held on March 12, 2026 Westin Toronto Airport Hotel.
- The Federal NDP Leadership race will be in Winnipeg, MB Mar. 27-29th, our Local affiliates with the NDP and suggest supporting Rob Ashton.

International Rep. Report:

- Tracy Nguyen unable to attend as she is currently in bargaining with other Locals
- USW International Women of Steel Conference upcoming this March in Toronto
- Canadian Labour Congress Conference to be held in Winnipeg May 2026
- The USW Health, Safety and Environment Conference will take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., on **May 17-22, 2026**.
- The USW National Policy Conference has been pushed to Feb. 2027 in Montreal
- District 6 is currently looking for volunteers to assist with the The USW District 6 Injured Workers Assistance Program.

USW 9511 Health & Safety Summit:

- The Local is holding a Summit educational for approximately 35 members March 11-12, 2026 in Mississauga, ON for our H&S Reps. from throughout the province.

Majority funding for the event has been arranged through the USW Family and Community Education Fund with partial funding to be provided by the Local.

USW 9511 Women of Steel:

- The recent Zoom meeting held this January was well attended.
- Discussions of current work issues were useful between members.
- Future WOS meetings are to be held approx. 1 week prior to the General Membership Meetings.

USW9511 Logo Creation Competition:

- We are holding a competition to create a distinct logo for our Local.
- It should be representative of our work and include our Union colours.
- Individuals can submit family or friends creation but the prize (\$200) can only be awarded to a Local member.
- Rights to the image to be transferred to the Local upon acceptance of the prize.
- Submission dates, contest details to follow.

Motions: (Passed/ Defeated)

- Motion for the Local to partially fund the upcoming 9511 Health & Safety Summit, **(Passed)**
- Motion for the Local to affiliate with the NDP Political Party of Canada, **(Passed)**
- Motion for the Local to fund sending up to 4 representatives to the upcoming International Health and Safety Conference in Pittsburg , Pa, **(Passed)**
- Motion to fund a \$200 prize for the upcoming USW9511 Logo Creation Competition, **(Passed)**
- Motion for the Local to fund sending up to 6 representatives to the upcoming USW Women of Steel Conference in Toronto, ON, **(Passed)**
- Motion to fund the one time purchase up to \$300 of a printer for the Local's Financial Secretary to conduct Union business. **(Passed)**
- The following **Standing Motions** for Local funding were **Passed** are into effect until the end of January 2027:
- To fund modest Refreshments / Light Meals at General Membership Meetings.

- To fund if necessary USW9511 Vice President paid days of leave to conduct Union business at direction of the Executive Committee.
- To fund an additional 6 days/year of paid leave for the Local's Financial Officers to complete their Union Duties.
- To fund the Locals recurring business expenses ie: Office Supplies, Cell, Internet Services, etc.