



# 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.