

## **WELCOME**

The new term is well underway and the STMFU Executive wishes to welcome new members and welcome back all members. We hope that everyone has had a good summer. We are confident you will have a fruitful year of research and instruction. We are very proud of all our members. If you are new, know that your fellow members have superior academic abilities, great determination and indeed impressive courage. The past year was full of challenges for the union. Thanks to the strength of our members we have come through these struggles with a new collective agreement (you should have received a copy in your mailbox) and a heightened respect for each other. Of course not all problems have been solved. New, and especially for some of our members, particularly ominous challenges have arisen. We will be working to bring about as good an outcome as possible for these members. In the meanwhile all members should demonstrate the care for which the STM community is renowned and encourage those members which are under threat at this time. When one of us hurts, we all hurt. A demoralized community would be a weakened community. At this juncture it is particularly important that we build each other up to empower one another to meet the challenges ahead. Given our members' particularly strong talents, courage and caring concern, the executive is confident that our current difficulties will only serve to make us stronger.

## **Executive Activities**

The executive is pleased to welcome Chris Foley to the executive. Although Chris is on sabbatical, he has agreed to serve on the executive this year. (This was an executive appointment as there was a resignation after the elections were held last spring.) The executive is committed to serving the membership. We have been consulting with CSF in an attempt to determine how best to bargain for their needs. We have formed an "ad hoc CSF committee" consisting of Ria Jenkins and Brian Chartier to negotiate these matters with administration. All members are encouraged to continue to raise issue of concern with the executive.

## **Committees**

The executive wishes to thank all those who have agreed to serve on STMFU committees.

Elections Committee:

- \* Darrell McLaughlin
- \* David Peacock

Consultation Committee:

- \* Brian Chartier
- \* Ria Jenkins
- \* Bryan Wiebe

Grievance Committee:

- \* Wilf Denis
- \* Ron Griffin

Sessional Faculty and Term Appointees Committee:

- \* Nick Jesson
- \* Dawn Friel-Hipperson

Status of Women Advisory:

- \* Mary Ann Beavis

ad hoc CSF Committee:

- \* Brian Chartier
- \* Ria Jenkins

Executive Committee:

- \* Brian Chartier (President)
- \* Ria Jenkins (Vice-President / Secretary)
- \* Bryan Wiebe (Treasurer)
- \* Chris Foley

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