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**Membership Bulletin**

**Union executive sets strategy**

***Ongoing CM\$ operational challenges sets tone for union executive discussion and 2010 action plan***

During its last meeting of the year, December 6 – 8, 2009, the CEU executive discussed several wide-ranging issues facing its membership. Chief among those challenges are the many, many steps still required to address the system-driven shortfalls of CM\$.

The executive also took steps to action the diversity and green committees in early 2010. “These committees are important steps toward the development of new leaders,” said Sandra Wright, CEU President.

“IT and Prevention have a number of issues to address in the upcoming year. We’ll be working with a facilitator to ensure IT issues are fully discussed. *Impact* articles will continue focusing on Prevention issues until we get those challenges resolved,” said Wright.

Last week you were given a campaign button. We urge all CEU members to wear or display the button. CEU members clearly want three things; more staff; more training to address present and future needs and they also want a claims system that works.

“Over the next six months, the CEU will initiate a number of actions, both internally and externally focused, to ensure our members and the outside stakeholders are engaged and moving the employer to resolve the many CM\$-related problems,” said Wright.

During the next year, the union will work to creatively engage its members in union issues. In February, the executive will meet with stewards to discuss regional challenges. “That’s a very good way for members to bring their concerns forward. It’s also important for stewards to meet with their jurisdictions after the meetings so members are fully informed about what the union is doing,” noted Wright.

In the next few months, the union will also hold two education sessions for stewards. In early January, the newly elected stewards will participate in steward training, and in April, the annual steward seminar will take place. Plans are also in the works to develop CEU health and safety training for our committee members.

This has been a challenging year for everyone. Outside the walls of the WCB, many of us have been touched by friends and neighbours who have lost their jobs. That’s why the CEU fully supports the BC Federation of Labour’s campaign to preserve Public Sector services and jobs.

Within that campaign, it’s important for everyone to realize CM\$ has jeopardised the quality of service our members can provide to injured workers and other stakeholders. Now it’s time for the WCB to fix the problems.

“We would be very happy if, as a first step, they take action to ensure the removal of the outrageous claims posted on the *Cúram* website. I’m told management is working on that so we will wait and see what *Cúram* does. The CEU is prepared to work with management to identify other steps so concrete measures can be taken to give employees the tools they need to get the job done,” noted Wright.

