

Presidents Report E-Board Meeting January 2019

The local is running smoothly and our finances are in order.

Happy New Year to all, 2019 will be a year of new challenges for our local and the possibly industry as a whole.

As we have already witnessed in Ontario, a change in government can erase years of positive change that we as activists have worked so hard to attain.

Our eyes are now focused on the Federal election this year and we will continue to defend the gains made in our efforts to save local News and Programming.

Our industry in serious crisis, changes in viewership is effecting our employer's corporate structure and we must remain vigilant in our efforts to protect our jobs.

It is our responsibility as officers and stewards of this local to educate and mobilize the general membership to work together as one strong and united voice.

The crisis at General Motors has taught us that corporations will place the bottom line before workers rights and legal collective bargaining contracts. Bell's disregard with the Shared Services Agreement between Local 79m and 723m reinforces this.

Corporate restraints have also put some pressure on some of our members as we see more duties being assigned to them in lieu of hiring additional staff and sold to us as corporate efficiencies. This has put a lot of pressure on some members and we must be cognizant to deal with the ever-growing problem of mental stress and burnout.

Michael Silva has resigned from his position as Bell Unit VP and we currently have an election for this position. Michael continues to work in the role until a new VP is elected. 2 candidates have stepped for this important role, all the best in this election!

I would also like to thank Michael Silva for all his hard work and dedication over the years and trust that his successor will be as dedicated and diligent as Michael has been for this Local.

The Bell Unit is still negotiating a new contract, please see the Bell VP report for more info.

The Rogers Collective agreement will be available for distribution next week.

Please see the VP, Treasurer, and committee reports for more detailed Local 723m information.

A reminder to check our local website for News and updates . unifor723m.org, follow us on Twitter [@unifor723m](https://twitter.com/unifor723m)

It is also of importance to monitor the Media Action Plan, mediaactionplan.ca, follow on Twitter, [@MAP_Canada](https://twitter.com/MAP_Canada)

In Solidarity , Angelo Contarin

