

## CAUT Defence Fund Trustee Report for 2015-16

Since my report of April 2015 I have, as CAUT Defence Fund Trustee for NUFA, participated in conference call meetings on June 26 (request for benefits from Northern Ontario School of Medicine Faculty and Staff Association (NOSMFSA) Unit 1 (Academic and Professional Staff) and requests from University of Northern British Columbia Faculty Association (UNBCFA) University of Victoria Faculty Association (UVicFA) for mediation/arbitration benefits), September 9 (request for benefits from Nipissing University Faculty Association Full-Time Academic Staff Bargaining Unit (NUFA-FASBU)), and October 5, 2015 (request for benefits from *McMaster University Academic Librarians' Association (MUALA)* and the *University of Western Ontario Faculty Association – Librarians and Archivists (UWOFA)*), and February 10 (requests for benefits from University of Ontario Institute of Technology Faculty Association (UOITFA) and from York University Faculty Association (YUFA) and a request from University of Northern British Columbia Faculty Association (UNBCFA) for mediation/arbitration benefits). Benefits were approved in all cases.

During the labour action I helped organize flying and driving pickets from the CAUT Defence Fund to North Bay and Nipissing's regional campuses. NUFA received significant financial support and immeasurable moral support from the CAUT Defence Fund during the labour action. I was very proud to be a part of both organizations during that time. Without their support, it seems unlikely NUFA would have seen a successful end to the strike and a reasonable negotiated settlement.

I attended the CAUT Defence Fund Annual Meeting in Toronto on October 17, 2015.

\$930.44 was incurred for travel to and accommodation in Toronto for the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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CAUT Defence Fund Trustee (Nipissing University)

April 13, 2016