***Aboriginal Action Circle***

***Regional Council Representative***

***2013/2014 Report for the PSAC NCR 2014 Convention***

The following provides a summary of events and activities undertaken by the Aboriginal Action Circle (AAC) Representative on the PSAC NCR Council for the period of January 2013 to March 2014. Given the AAC is the only Committee within the NCR **to elect their representative\*** to participate on the NCR Council Executive, the role of the AAC Rep is vital to ensure information is shared from Council to the members of the Circle. The voice of the AAC is represented on Council through this selected individual and this person must commit to attend regular NCR Council meetings (Monthly & Quarterly) in addition to other Council functions, activities and training events.

***\*The appointment of Co-chairs will come into effect after the “revised Terms of Reference” is accepted by the NCR Council Executive and AAC members conduct selection process (or elect) the Co-chairs at their Annual General Membership meeting in the last quarter of 2014.***

The AAC Representative has participated in the following NCR Executive Council monthly meetings;

Jan 2013, Feb 2013, Mar 2013, Apr 2013, May 2013, Aug 2013, Sept 2013, Oct 2013, Nov 2013

In addition, he participated in NCR Council General Membership meetings in January, May, Oct of 2013 and in January 2014.

The NCR Council Rep has actively worked with members of the AAC in initiating and completing activities from the Strategic Planning Session held in February 2013. He was instrumental in crafting the revised Terms of Reference for the Circle which was approved by the AAC members in February 2014.

One of the more notable activities undertaken by the AAC was its’ proposal to the OAC to buy and distribute “Red Feathers” in support of the **Idle No More** movement. The “Red Feathers” were Canadian made and were distributed at the Summer Solstice Festival & Pow Wow in June 2013.

The “Red Feathers” were also distributed to PSAC members in the NCR throughout the year as well as during events such the Human Rights & Race Relations Conference held by Canada Employment & Immigration Union in September 2013 and the PSAC Equity Conference in Toronto in November 2013.

The NCR Council Rep has also;

* Attended training course for the “We are all Affected” campaign
* Been actively soliciting members from his local to sign the pledge card;
* Co-facilitated workshops in the past year with Regional Reps from the NCR;
* Co-facilitated two workshops during the PSAC Equity Conference in Toronto;
* Participated in the C-4 legislation info session in October.
* Participated in NCR Executive Council Retreat in Maniwaki
* Attended retreat follow-up session in January 2014

Finally, he is an active participant at regular meetings of the Circle held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

The ACC Representative on the NCR Council is both honoured and humbled to have represented the Circle at the NCR Council during 2013. He has found this to be a rewarding and growing experience in his labour movement activities. Without the Circle, Aboriginal issues and concerns found in the federal public service would need to be brought forward through other avenues or mediums.

In the spirit of sharing and in solidarity,

**John Henri Commanda**

**AAC NCR Council Representative 2013 /2014**