

**Canadian Council of Professionals:  
Regina Meeting – May 13, 14 2011  
Report**

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On May 12-14th I attended the Bi-Annual meeting of the CCP in Regina Saskatchewan. The minutes of the meeting as recorded by the host Secretary Faisal Kalim, have been filed with the office and provided to the Board.

Represented at the meeting were groups from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Quebec and New Brunswick with Manitoba having the largest contingent. I found this forum to be quite informative, it was a strange feeling to be in a group of Professionals represented by Unions where TEAM was a senior (in years) player. Some of these folks were on their first Contract, and were looking for suggestions on how to do a better job at the bargaining table. Also, we were one of the few attending who actually had paid staff putting together our grievances and sitting at the bargaining table.

Each group went through highlights and issues which had occurred since the last meeting, and we had discussions on the future of this organization and its purpose going forward. Note at the end of the meeting there was discussion on increasing membership by inviting new unions to attend these meetings in the province they are held.

In closing, I would consider this a worthwhile affiliation as I think we have much to offer other unions as they move towards better Collective Agreements with their respective employers. Dialogue between like minded unions can only strengthen the position of Managers and Professionals going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

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