

A message from Peter Kamstra

Hello all

First, I want to thank all of you who take the time to read these campaign messages.

I am hoping this September is going to bring more and more people to campus as we get back to in-person activities and in-person classes. I believe that the last two years have had a very negative affect on the mental wellbeing of our staff and students.

As VP of Membership Services, I will put my focus on social events, and NASA activities. These events help to bring NASA members together so we can build a cohesive and healthy association. Personally, I am looking forward to the welcome back lunches and a new school year without the gloom of COVID and on-going collective bargaining.

Organizing social events is just one aspect of the VP of Membership Services. The other is sitting as a table officer to help guide the direction of our association. This also protects our members rights and predict some of the dangers that may affect our staff in the future.

For example, as some of you may be aware, the provincial government passed a bill that give post-secondary faculty/staff associations ability to strike or be locked out. This change has forced us to rethink the way we organize our association. For example:

- How much should we have in our defence fund?
- Since most of the post-secondary institutions have their collective agreements expiring at the same time will ACIFA's defence fund cover all faculty/staff associations should there be a work disruption, or will NASA need to have a backup plan?
- Should we be using private emails that don't rely on NAIT server? Should NASA have its own server?
- What do we use for office space if we are locked out or on strike?
- Does our NASA web page communicate our message effectively or does it need an update?
- Are the association bylaws out of date? Do they need work?

I feel my experience in almost three years of bargaining gives me a unique insight that can help NASA and all our members now and into the future.

If you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please reach out pkamstra@nait.ca

Please consider supporting me for VP of Membership Services.

Peter Kamstra

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter Kamstra". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.