

**Election of the FIQ president**

Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ, will leave her position on May 29th. Therefore, the delegates at the Federal Council of June 1, 2 and 3 will elect the new FIQ president.

Presently, two candidates are running for election: Daniel Gilbert, Vice President of the FIQ and Régine Laurent, President of AIM.

**Consultation process to define the FIQ sectorial draft of the collective agreement**

As of next week and all through the month of June, FIQ members will be called upon to attend general assemblies. They will be consulted on the sectorial draft collective agreement, that is, all the FIQ's demands but not those that are part of the intersectorial demands to be negotiated in the Common Front. A document containing recommendations will be given to each member at the general assemblies to facilitate the consultations. Also, the FIQ en Action, that the members will be receiving at home within a few days, contains a summary of the necessary information to make an enlightened decision. The electronic version of the FIQ en Action is already available on the FIQ web site.

A general assembly not to be missed!

**Specific consultations on Bill 34 For the SISF, it's nothing more than a confirmation of the development of a two-tier healthcare system**

Yesterday, Lina Bonamie, President of the FIQ and spokesperson for the SISF, presented its position paper on Bill 34 to the Commission des affaires sociales, a Bill which modifies various legislative provisions regarding specialized medical centres and general medical imaging laboratories.

After having carefully analyzed the provisions of Bill 34, the SISF member organizations came to the conclusion that this Bill essentially confirms the logic introduced by Bills 33 and 95. Indeed, these laws encourage the development of a private, parallel healthcare network. This is a bad choice which could alter the principle of equality in the accessibility to health and social services which is the basis for the Quebec universal and public healthcare system.

**RREGOP financing The Common Front wants the method of financing for the plan reviewed**

At the public hearings on the earnings report from the *Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*, a possible increase in contributions, notably to the *Régime de retraite des employés du gouvernement et des organismes publics* (RREGOP) has been suggested. It was immediately emphasized that the *Caisse du régime* is always able to meet its obligations and to support all the present conditions of the plan. However, this situation clearly illustrates the need to review the method of financing the plan now.

**The FIQ is present at the submission of the petition for MISSION COLLECTIVE : Bâtir un Québec sans pauvreté**

On May 14th, the FIQ joined 1,200 people on Parliament Hill to submit the 98,727 signatures collected on the *MISSION COLLECTIVE* petition to the National Assembly. Supported by more than 1,000 civil society organizations, citizens from throughout Quebec came to question the members of Parliament so that they take concrete actions towards eliminating poverty in Quebec.



Remember that the *MISSION COLLECTIVE* campaign promoted three demands: access to quality universal public services; an increase in minimum wage to allow workers to get out of poverty and an increase in public protection to insure conditions of health and dignity for all people who do not have sufficient income.

A very special thank you to the CHUQ Executive Committee for their participation!

**FIQ committees**  
 The OHS committee will hold its next meeting on May 28 in order to continue its preparations for the annual OHS week.

**On the agenda**  
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