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PLEASE POST

Memo

To: All CUPE BC Locals, District Councils and Staff
From: Barry O'Neill, President, CUPE BC Division
Date: March 31, 2006
Re: Annual Membership Polling

Starting this week, CUPE BC will be conducting its annual poll of our membership in the province.

This means that 1200 CUPE members will receive telephone calls from a polling company (Stratcom) asking them for their views on the union and on political issues.

You may get phone calls from your members asking what this is about. Please assure them that this is a legitimate process and that the company calling is doing so on our behalf.

All of the information the members provide is confidential. We do not ask for nor do we receive any information on how individual members respond.

We conduct this poll for two reasons. Firstly, we need to know what people think about the work the union is doing. Their responses help us to provide improved services to meet their needs. Secondly, we are asking about provincial politics. The Liberal government has been very damaging to working people in BC and we want to know what our members think about these issues and how the union can continue to protect public services and your jobs.

This is part of an ongoing process. We have done membership polls in the past three years. The results will be reported to the next Executive Board meeting. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

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Barry O'Neill, President
Mark Hancock, Secretary-Treasurer

