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## Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour Elects New President

At a meeting of their Executive Council yesterday, the Newfoundland and Labrador Federation of Labour elected long time union activist Mary Shortall as their new president. Ms. Shortall replaces Lana Payne who recently took the Atlantic Director's post with Unifor. Ms. Shortall will begin her new job on October 15. She is currently Newfoundland and Labrador's representative for the Canadian Labour Congress, where she has worked since 2001.

Shortall acknowledged the dedication and passion that Lana Payne has brought to the Federation as president, and thanked both her and former 1st vice President Gus Doyle for not only giving the labour movement in NL a strong voice, but for contributing to positive gains for workers during their office. "This has been and will continue to be a very active Federation with an extremely strong and united executive," said Shortall. "I am very much looking forward to working with them and our 65,000 members and am honoured to represent them as their president."

FFAW-Unifor President Earle McCurdy was also elected yesterday as the Federation's 1st Vice President.

The NLFL's triennial constitutional convention will be held in early December, in St. John's.

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