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I carried out several activities related to our local. Firstly, I had several meetings with the executive members to discuss strategies and ideas for managing our local based on our potential. We brainstormed various ideas that can help enhance the union's effectiveness. This discussion was productive, and we devised several initiatives we plan to implement soon.

Secondly, I updated the archive of postdoc contracts to ensure that it is current and easily accessible. This will facilitate the smooth functioning of the union by ensuring that all the postdoc contracts are up to date and can be retrieved quickly when needed.

Additionally, I attended the monthly Executive meeting, where I shared ideas and updates on bargaining, orientation, communication among executive members, communication with members, and communication with PSAC, and UNB. During the meeting, we discussed ongoing projects and addressed any issues. I also ensured that every new executive was aware of their roles and responsibilities, as well as the collective agreements and bylaws. This will help them understand their duties and carry them out effectively.

Furthermore, I reviewed the Gmail account communication and ensured that emails were responded to in a timely manner. I also informed PSAC of the bargaining team to ensure that all parties are aware of who is involved in the process. In addition, I communicated with Raphaele and planned a meeting for the bargaining process.

Finally, I helped the members who were experiencing financial difficulties with hardship funding. This was an essential step in supporting our members who are in need. Additionally, I was selected as a delegate to attend the Atlantic Regional Convention in June. This will enable me to represent our union effectively and learn from other locals.

I would like to express my gratitude to the executive team of UGSW for their positive contributions, as well as Genevieve and Raphaele for their invaluable assistance and support. I can discuss any of these activities in further detail if necessary.