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National Strategy Summit

Delegates arrived in Ottawa, Ontario, on April 7, 2016, to participate in our first National Strategy Summit. The objective of the Summit was to put our thinking caps on and identify ways UVAE can better serve the members as a component. The National President, Carl Gannon, invited delegates to brainstorm about what direction the component is headed and the next steps UVAE needs to

UVAE delegation to the **National Strategy Summit** held from April 8-10, 2016 take to get there. Breakout sessions were held by region which allowed participants to focus on what they need from the component, what they need as a region, what they need in their locals and what they need as a member. The National Vice-Presidents led their respective regions breakout sessions and, over the next few months, will be rolling up the results for presentation to the National Executive. A big thank you to everyone for putting on your thinking caps and contributing your ideas!

Get to Know Us

Born and raised in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Carl has encountered his share of misfortune. Dropping out of high school in grade 10, Carl spent his teenage years as a misguided youth, who was in and out of trouble. Carl's early years were spent trying to find a purpose for his life while he struggled to find his way and place within society.



Carl Gannon, National President Union of Veterans Affairs Employees

Eventually Carl was offered a position with the Department of Veterans' Affairs Canada as a Benefits Analyst and he finally found the purpose he has always searched for. The purpose was dual pronged and came in the form of genuinely helping veterans and their families and as a local union leader. With Carl's election as National President of UVAE in 2014, history was made. Carl became the first Racially Visible component president in the almost 50-year history of the Public Service Alliance of Canada. At the time of his election, Carl was 33 years old, making him one of the youngest to every hold this office and today is still considered a young worker.

As the President of UVAE, Carl has become one of the most recognizable voices with respect to issues facing Canadian Veterans and their families - and he is just getting started.

Member Contest:

What's in a logo? We want you to tell us! The logo UVAE is currently known for was adopted in 1966. Since then, the component has transformed. The National Executive feels it's time to transform our logo, too! We want your input!



Please send in your submissions, using our Blue and Gold colours, to the National Office. Your submission should include your design and why you feel it represents UVAE. Deadline submit is August 31, 2016. Winner will be announced at our Trienneial Convention in Halifax. NS! Happy designing: D12

