

SHOOTING MY CUFFS #13, January 2025

The last Canadian Unity Fan Fund newsletter

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I'M GIVING UP

Many of you don't know this, but once upon a time, fans started fan funds, so that well-known fans could show up in places where other fans would like to meet them. That was back when fans wanted to know about other fans from other places.

About the 1980s, some Canadian fans thought it would be a good idea to have a national fan fund, so that well-known fans from one side of the country could meet fans on the other side of the country.

Today, a lot of fans don't know anything about fans from outside their city, or outside their fandom. Today, a lot of fans don't know what a fan fund is. Over the past year, I have been trying to advertise the Canadian Unity Fan Fund, raise support, and raise funds.

Despite my best efforts to spread the word to conventions and clubs, very few people have responded. I really didn't realize how *unknown* fan funds are, to contemporary fans.

Very few people have made bids on the items CUFF offers for sale.

No Canadian conventions have offered to host a fan fund delegate. This is a problem because scheduling the CUFF nomination and election process depends on when the destination convention is scheduled. (Nominations and election also depend on fans knowing about, and participating in this fan fund.)

Nobody has expressed an interest in standing as CUFF delegate in 2025 or 2026. Admittedly, I haven't gotten as far as soliciting candidates.

So, I'm giving up.

If fans in Canada just don't know or care what a fan fund is, there is not much point in doing this anymore.