

Report Of The Regional Executive Vice-President, Ontario To The National Board of Directors

June 2-5, 2009

It is a privilege to submit my report to the National Board of Directors. The report contains my activities as well as the work of the PSAC in Ontario.

Our Voice in the Region

The PSAC Ontario Council met March 7-8, 2009. Approximately half of Council had just taken the new Leadership I training and provided the rest of Council with a report and feedback of the training provided. Council was given a presentation by the two Regional Field Co-ordinators for Ontario on the JLP initiative. It appears more and more locals are availing themselves of the course opportunities provided by the program.

All of Council Committees have been busy working on their portfolios and several recommendations came out of their reports to Council. Of special note was the decision once again to forego a school approach for advanced education in the region for 2009 and instead offer a specific course out of each Regional Office. At some point Council will need to discuss returning to a School formal for advanced education delivery. While members seem to be happy with the geo-based training, opportunities provided by a large number of members in a school environment are lost.

The Ontario Region shares responsibility for OFL Committees with the National Capital Region. Council was briefed on the current OFL Committees assignments which were appointed by the respective REVP's. Council was also briefed on the latest news around Bill C-10 and encouraged to contact both MP's and Senators. Council went through all of the resolutions put forward to the PSAC Convention from the 2008 Ontario Regional Convention.

Council discussed a proposal put forward by the REVP to hold a future meeting in a location outside of the GTA. We plan to put a call out to interested committees in the Region to host the event. It is our hope that bringing the meeting to a new location will foster interest in Council's work and allow the members an opportunity to interact with their elected representatives.

Collective Bargaining & Mobilization

Although the National President's report highlights all of the negotiations undertaken during the reporting period, it needs to be emphasized that regional negotiations have

been very busy since the NBoD last met. We have been fortunate that the negotiations section has helped to alleviate some of our representatives' workload by assigning national negotiators to a number of our units. My thanks to the section for their assistance. We are hopeful that one of the new positions approved at convention will be a new regional negotiator position in Ontario.

Political & Social Action

Members are becoming increasingly familiar with contacting and visiting their MP's in the region. Lobbying efforts in support of our campaign against Bill C-10 was evident and appreciated in the region.

The Toronto and York Labour Council organized a number of E.I. demos and rallies in the GTA at several Service Canada worksites. PSAC members participated at all events. The Labour Council also held a Steward's Assembly recently in Toronto. Over 1500 union activists showed up to hear the truth about the economic crisis and to hear first-hand the horror stories facing laid off workers. PSAC had a strong presence at this event.

We are preparing for a huge CLC demo planned for Toronto on June 13th. Also in June, the OFL is planning an E.I. Caravan that will be stopping in dozens of communities and staging events at each stop along the route. PSAC Ontario will be there to support our Sisters and Brothers from all the affiliates.

Organizing

We have decided to make a second attempt at organizing the graduate teaching assistants at Queen's University. The last vote was very close and there is much support for a renewed effort on PSAC's part.

We are preparing to renew our efforts to organize the Graduate Research Assistants at UWO. We are also involved in a few other campaigns ongoing in the region.

National Portfolios

The following duties are my national portfolio assignments: Collective Bargaining; Federal Sector Reorganization and Modernization; Classification Reform and Pay Equity; and Local Development.

I am also the AEC officer responsible for the following bargaining units: Technical Services (TC); NAV Canada; and Canada Post.

I sit on the following NBOD Committees: Roles, Responsibilities and Structure; Collective Bargaining (co-chair); and Local Development (co-chair).

I am also assigned to the Racially Visible National Conference.

The report on these national portfolios is covered in the Report of the National President to the NBOD as well as in the Committee reports to the NBOD.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerry Halabecki
Regional Executive Vice-President, Ontario

REVP Ontario Activities for January 20, 2009 – June, 2009

- January 20 - Treasury Board Ratification Votes – CFB Borden
- January 26 - OFL Council and Executive Board Meetings
- January 29 - Travel to Thunder Bay
- Agriculture Local 30 AGM
- January 30 - Thunder Bay Regional Office Visit
- Agriculture Union Regional Seminar
- January 31 - Agriculture Union Regional Seminar
- February 1 - Travel to Toronto
- Travel to Ottawa
- February 2 - AEC Meeting
- February 3-5 - NBoD Meetings
- February 5 - Travel to Toronto
- February 8 - Travel to Ottawa
- February 9-13 - PSAC Convention Constitution Committee Meetings
- February 13 - Travel to Toronto
- February 17 - Meeting with Regional Education Officer
- Meeting with Regional Health & Safety Officer
- Meeting with Acting Regional Co-ordinator
- February 18 - Travel to Ottawa
- February 19-21 - NavCanada Bargaining Conference
- February 21 - Travel to Toronto
- February 23-24 - AEC Meetings via Video Conference
- February 24 - Meeting with Council Finance Committee Chair
- February 26 - Meeting with GTA Council Representative
- March 3 - Canada Post Bargaining & Strike Assessment Conference Call Meeting
- March 5 - Leadership Training Phase I – Visit
- EI Rally with Leadership Participants
- March 6 - Finance Committee Meeting
- March 7-8 - PSAC Ontario Council Meetings
- March 9 - TC Bargaining Unit, Conference Call
- March 10 - NavCanada Strategy Committee Meeting
- March 11 - TC Bargaining Unit, Conference Call
- Canada Post Assessment, Conference Call
- March 26 - AEC Conference Call
- March 27 - Travel to Waterloo
- March 27-29 - Agriculture Union Ontario Regional Seminar
- March 29 - Travel to Toronto
- March 30 - OFL Executive Board Meeting
- March 31 - Meeting with OFL Affiliate
- April 6 - Meeting with Regional Co-ordinator

- April 7 - Meeting with Alternate, REVP Ontario
- April 8 - Meeting with Regional Co-ordinator & Director, ROB
- April 9 - Meeting with Regional Staff
- April 16 - Debrief with UPCE Bargaining Team, Teleconference
- Young Workers Conference, Teleconference
- April 19 - Travel to Ottawa
- April 20-21 - AEC Meeting
- April 21 - Travel to Toronto
- April 22 - Young Workers Conference, Teleconference
- April 23 - GTAA Commissionaires Strategy Meeting
- April 25 - Travel to Vancouver
- NBoD Meeting
- April 26 - PSAC National Convention, Regional Caucus & Plenary
- April 27-May 1 - PSAC National Convention
- May 2 - Travel to Toronto
- May 7 - Regional Staff Education Meeting
- Toronto York Region District Labour Council, Steward's Assembly
- May 8 - Akwesasne Bargaining Unit Strategy Meeting
- Health & Safety Conference Meeting
- May 12-14 - Ontario Staff Conference
- May 19 - Young Workers Conference Meeting
- Travel to Ottawa
- May 20-21 - AEC Meetings
- May 20-21 - NavCanada Bargaining Sessions
- May 22 - UPCE National Executive De-Briefing
- Travel to Toronto