

**Report of the
Regional Executive Vice-President, Ontario
to the National Board of Directors
February 6-9, 2007**

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.

Ontario Regional Council

The PSAC Ontario Council met from October 27-29, 2006. Council was briefed on the very successful Area Council Conference which was held in September. As did the conference, they were apprised of the many lobby campaigns that are underway in the PSAC and the broader labour movement. Council members were encouraged to participate in these lobby efforts and to prepare and participate in the upcoming municipal elections in Ontario.

There was a broad discussion around the relocation of the PSAC office in North Bay to Sudbury. Clearly, once the office moves and our new representative position is filled the PSAC will be in a much better position to service our many members in the north. The Council Member for NW Ontario provided an opportunity for Council to view an anti-poverty video which was produced by one of our sponsored Social Justice Fund projects in the region.

Finally, Council committed to holding one of its' 2007 meetings in the north. This was a result of a resolution to the 2005 PSAC Ontario Convention. I am pleased to announce that the Ontario Council will meet in Sault Ste. Marie from June 22 – 24, 2007. If any Component is holding an event during that time, you are more than welcome to observe some or all of PSAC Ontario's deliberations.

Political & Social Action

We continue to work hard on getting more of our Regional Area Councils, Women's and Equity Committees involved in one or more of the many campaigns that are ongoing. Particular attention has been focused on the anti-scab and childcare campaigns. As well, we had been working on equal marriage and continue to press for more participation on the pay zones issue. With our major bargaining units in their conference phase, I believe the pay zones campaign will be capturing more attention.

Ontario members are actively involved in the broader labour movement at the Federation of Labour level by participating on many of the OFL's Committees. We share those with our Sisters and Brothers in the NCR. While some work is happening with District Labour Councils, for the most part our locals do not affiliate with these important community bodies.

Organizing

We have made inroads at a couple of locations in the region. We are seeking to represent security personnel at Georgian Downs where we already have some membership as well as workers at the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia. Unfortunately, in both cases, we are experiencing difficulty with the employers and are proceeding to the Labour Board. We also have hearings coming up for 700 research assistants at the University of Western Ontario.

Education

We continue to reach out to the membership so that we can provide timely, needed training to them. We held an education forum in the Region where ideas around the delivery of education over the next three years was discussed.

By the time the NBoD meets, Ontario's UDP Level III will be complete and another fine group of eager, knowledgeable activists will be set loose in the Region. I am confident that ripple effects will be felt by employers and the membership alike.

Regional Activities

The Ontario Region held five Regional Health & Safety Conferences during the reporting period. This was a first for our Region and although it involved more planning and effort I believe it was worth it to reach out to a far greater number of Health & Safety activists than we would have done with one central conference. Our members were engaged with the topics and enjoyed the format.

I was able to attend meetings of the Greater Toronto Area Council, Toronto's Regional Women's Committee, CEUDA 24, Agriculture 14, UPCE 108, UWO 610, as well as visit our UDP Class. My thanks to those responsible for the invitations. By attending these forums I have a better understanding of the issues our members face and hopefully through our regional structures we can be of assistance to them when called upon.

Respectfully submitted,

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REVP Ontario Activities for October 10, 2006 – January 22, 2007

- October 10
 - Travel to London
 - UWO (University of Western Ontario) Local 610 Collective Agreement Signing
 - Travel to Toronto
- October 11
 - GTAC Meeting
- October 12
 - Labour Council Heads of Union Meeting
- October 13
 - Investigation Committee Conference Calls
- October 14
 - Travel to Kingston
 - Region 3 Health & Safety Conference
 - Travel to Toronto
- October 17
 - Travel to Ottawa
 - Investigation Committee Conference Call
 - FUJE Meeting
 - Travel to Toronto
- October 18
 - CEUDA Branch 24 General Meeting, Toronto
- October 20
 - Travel to Sudbury
- October 21
 - Region 2 Health & Safety Conference
 - Travel to Toronto
- October 24
 - PSMA Conference Call
 - UPCE Local 108 Meeting, Toronto
- October 25
 - AEC Meeting via Conference Call
- October 27
 - Ontario Council Committee Meetings
- October 28-29
 - Ontario Council Meetings
- November 2
 - Travel to Ottawa
- November 3
 - External Impartial Review Committee – Interview
 - Travel to Toronto
- November 4
 - Travel to Hamilton
 - Region 6 H & S Conference
 - Travel to Toronto
- November 7
 - Toronto Regional Women's Committee AGM
- November 8
 - FUJE Conference Call
 - GTAC Meetings
- November 9
 - Agriculture Local 14 AGM, Toronto
- November 13
 - Travel to Ottawa
- November 14
 - AEC Meetings
 - Collective Bargaining Meeting
- November 15
 - AEC Meetings
 - Founder's Day
 - Travel to Toronto
- November 16
 - Ontario UDP Level II Visit, Barrie
- November 17
 - Travel to Thunder Bay
- November 20
 - Meeting with Regional Office
 - Travel to Toronto
- November 23
 - Travel to Ottawa
 - PSAC Admin Conference Address
 - Travel to Montreal
- November 24-26
 - Eastern Bargaining Conference
- November 26
 - Travel to Toronto

- November 30 - Travel to Vancouver
- December 1-3 - Western Bargaining Conference
- December 4 - REVP Budget Meeting
- Travel to Toronto
- December 10 - Travel to Ottawa
- December 11-12 - AEC Meetings
- December 13 - Roles, Responsibilities & Structure Committee Meeting
- FUJE Meeting
- Travel to Toronto
- January 4, 2007 - Travel to Ottawa
- Special NBoD Meeting
- Travel to Toronto
- January 7 - Travel to Ottawa
- January 8 - FUJE Meeting
- Travel to Toronto
- January 9 - Travel to London
- Ontario Staff Conference
- January 10 - Ontario Staff Conference – Anti-Racism Training
- January 11-12 - Ontario Staff Conference
- January 12 - Travel to Toronto
- January 14 - Travel to Ottawa
- January 15 - AEC Meeting
- January 16 - AEC Meeting
- FUJE Meeting
- Travel to Toronto
- January 18 - Travel to Ottawa
- January 19 – 21 - National Health & Safety Conference
- January 21 - Travel to Toronto
- January 22 - OFL Executive Board Meeting