

# **Report of the Regional Executive Vice-President, Ontario to the National Board of Directors October 5-8, 2004**

The following report summarizes the work of the PSAC in Ontario as well as my activities.

## **Ontario Regional Council**

The PSAC Ontario Council met from June 18-20, 2004. A large part of the meeting was spent on the status of our various Bargaining Units in negotiations at this time. Council members were encouraged to get out and participate in any way they can.

Committees were finalized for the Ontario Convention 2005. All members of Council will be on either the By-Laws, Finance, General Resolution or Organizing Committees. Final decisions were made to the Delegate Assistance Formula to be used to assist locals in getting to our Convention.

Several of our Ontario Council members are on the Organizing Committee for the Ontario Regional Women's Conference. It will be held at Kempenfelt, outside of Barrie, Ontario, from November 5-8, 2004. As expected, applications have far exceeded availability.

The EOC of the Ontario Council hosted two more Human Rights Forums in their ongoing work with the various equity groups. Chatham and London were the latest cities to play host to Council's Committee. Attendance was good and participants were happy the Ontario Council members brought these issues to their communities. Special thanks to the London Area Council in providing dinner for their forum.

## **Area Councils**

Our Area Councils have been very busy during the reporting period. Many of our Area Councils played an active role in the lead-up to the Federal election. As well, they all participated in one way or another in their community's Labour Day celebrations. I was able to attend meetings in Toronto as well as London Area Council's Labour Day BBQ.

## **Political and Social Action**

Our Political activists were rewarded with perhaps the best “attainable” result in the Federal election, that of a minority Liberal government. My thanks to all those members who actively participated in the Election campaign.

Once again, our Area Councils and membership were very active in numerous Labour Day events throughout the Region. I took part in the Annual Toronto Labour Day Parade where we had a large contingent of PSAC members and a good placement in the parade.

## **Regional Activities**

Planning and participating in strike activities have commanded much of my attention during the reporting period. At the time of writing this report our members at Parks have been on strike for five weeks. During that period I have visited numerous lines at our National Parks, Historic Sites and Waterways in Ontario.

Now that our members at CRA have begun strike activities, I have been and will be visiting as many of their lines in the Region as possible. I would expect this will continue in the coming weeks with our Treasury Board tables joining the battle for better collective agreements.

I was able to support our Sisters and Brothers in CEUDA by participating in demos in Niagara Falls and at Pearson International Airport. I also joined a CRA demo in Hamilton leading up to their strike. I was able to attend Ratification Votes for our members at the University of Western Ontario in London and for Sunlite Cleaners at CFB Borden. I also attended a Workers Health and Safety Centre Board of Directors Meeting and National Component's Statistics Canada Conference.

The ongoing struggles to achieve fair and equitable collective agreements for all PSAC members continues. I am confident that PSAC Ontario is ready for the fight and will be there to help win the battle!

Respectfully submitted,

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