

PSAC-NCR Communications Committee **Report to the PSAC-NCR Council, May 2016**

The first year of the reinvigorated Communications committee has been an eventful and productive period. Some of the accomplishments we have made in the recent months are as follows:

Reaching out to Locals

-From January to March 2016 the Communications Committee was out supporting the OLG locked out workers on several occasions, including hosting an oatmeal dinner for them out on one of the bitterly cold evenings.

-Offering assistance in social media and web communications.

Reaching out to Committees

-The chair has worked closely with the education committee to help develop the coming training schedule.

-Participated through OAC in ACORN's Trivial Beersuit with members of Local 71201 from OLG, and won a silent auction prize of lunch with a local MPP thanks to the regional office.

-A joint presentation with RVAC of Mandela: A Long Walk to Freedom.

Reaching out to other unions in the community to bridge the gaps between us.

-Put NCR-Pride in touch with OPSEU's Rainbow Alliance

-Communicating with the Director of Communications from Association of Justice Counsel

-Trying to get involved with ODLC

Other tasks

-Have begun development of several "Toolkits" to address some of the common communications challenges that locals and committees face. Some

of the tool kits involve social media (Facebook, Twitter), website design and maintenance, and communicating with members.