

OAC Chairs Report

It is that time again to review the past few months' activities of the OAC. Our main objectives were to increase involvement in the area council and increase support for our bargaining units, and be more political. As we reflect back on the past months the council in my mind did just that.

Political action was definitely our biggest activities with meetings with the Liberal caucus for this region. This was a great opportunity to open the communications with our MP's and get info on upcoming events and bills coming forward.

The OAC has been actively involved in supporting the locked out OLG members. We have been calling on allies to come out and join the picketers on the line and help support them in any way possible. Our council has been lobbying members of the provincial government as well as municipal government to put an end to the lockout and get back to the table with something worthwhile. So far we have seen a number of groups like the CUPW/OPSEU/ OSSTF/UNIFOR/PIPS. Unfortunately we are still in the battle of our life for these members because of a bad employers decisions and must continue to put pressure on them to resolve this matter.

OAC has been working on building stronger relationships with our community groups such as Acorn, Solidarity against Austerity, poverty groups, and food banks. This work has been rewarding to OAC as we now have expanded our network and have made a difference in our community in our supporting each other's activities.

In summary the past few months were long and exhausting for many of the delegates to OAC but it was also rewarding. We defeated the Harper regime, gained new allies and supported our members in bargaining and on strike. This couldn't be done without the support of the delegates that have been coming to the monthly meetings and their local who when called upon have been there for us. As for our objective of increasing the involvement in the OAC we have made some progress in increasing our numbers to about 20-25 members per meeting. But that being

said we still have work to do, as we have over 115 locals in the NCR and we are only getting 20-25 delegates per meeting. So this next quarter we will be calling on all locals to please register delegates to the OAC and CRAPO so this region can keep doing the great work expected of us by our members and ensure we continue to meet the expectations of the NBOD and NCR executive council.

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK

In Solidarity

David Lanthier

OAC Chair