

**David Lanthier**

**OAC Chairs Report**

**January 2015 – March 2015**

Since January 2015 the OAC has been concentrating on preparing for the Federal Elections. OAC has been establishing riding groups in the NCR to do the work needed to inform and encourage voter participation. As a motion was passed a few years ago at the OAC that we would not endorse any candidates' or political parties, the council instead is taking a get out and vote approach to the coming election. The OAC has made alliances with such groups as: PIIPS, CAPE, The Council of Canadians, ACORN, UNIFOR, CUPE, and Solidarity against Austerity, CUPW, ODLC, OPSU, Quebec and Ontario student federations to move this agenda forward.

I attended the Broadbent institute Progressive summit where we had guest speakers and seminars on a variety of subjects. This was a great forum for me to promote the PSAC/NCR/OAC commitment to working with others on our goal of getting Canadians out to vote. Also I attended the CLC Political Conference. Hopefully we will see the benefits from our participation and discussions at these and other events in the months leading up to the election.

In Solidarity

David Lanthier

Chair OAC