

## **Quarterly Regional Report (September to December 2017)**

### **Regional Health and Safety Committee**

After a relaxing July and August, the committee members re-convened again in September with new hopes and challenges.

The committee's Annual General Meeting this year was held on November 15 and was very successful with many members in attendance representing various regional components. The Agenda included the presentation of the Committee's newly purchased Health & Safety banner as well as the election of the secretary. Consequently, the Committee is very pleased to announce the following elected executive member: Robert Basque.

On November 27th Committee members attended the 2017 annual Labour Appreciation Award Dinner hosted by the Ottawa District Labour Council. This year's event welcomed guest speaker Larry Brown, President of the National Union of public and general employees (NUPGE) who delivered a very compelling speech on the important role of trade unions. He emphasized how important the extended support the union provides to its members lives outside the work environment. As a union representative you not only help the member at work but this involvement also extends to the member's home & social environment. He concluded his presentation by sharing his concerns about growing income inequality in Canada which is caused by unfair social and economic policies. Mr. Brown stated that if this issue is not addressed soon our society will end up with economic feudalism.

One of the committee's on-going challenges and priorities is to expand its membership to the point where the majority of the components and DCLs, in the National Capital Region, are represented on our Regional H&S Committee. Working together we know can we make this happen!

As we come to close the end of another year we want to thank all the committee members, the PSAC staff and other representatives, and a special thanks to our regional PSAC Health and Safety Representative, Marc Béland, for their hard work and support over the last many months.

Just a friendly reminder again to all that the committee meets on the third (3rd) Wednesday of every month starting again on January 17, 2018. Please come out and join us! For the location of the meeting please refer to the PSAC regional website.

We encourage all components and DCL's to come out and join us.

Imre Bene, Sylvie Leblanc and Robert Basque,

Your committee executive,

PSAC Regional H&S Committee