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A NEWSLETTER FOR OPSEU MEMBERS WORKING IN LONG TERM CARE

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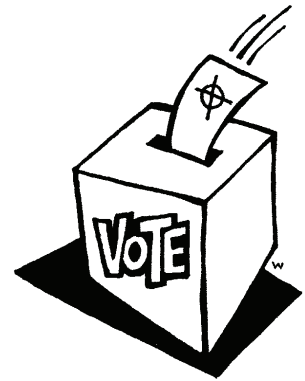
Take a look at our new look!

Hopefully everyone has had a chance to read the last newsletter. You probably noticed the new header. The executive is really excited over how good it looks on paper and also on the scrubs, t-shirts and pens that we introduced at Convention. Don't worry if you weren't at Convention as we will be showcasing them at BPS Conference in November again.

Just to serve as a reminder, we will no longer be sending our newsletter out by regular mail. If you need a personal copy just let any member of the executive know and we will be happy to email it to you. The newsletter will be posted on the OPSEU website each quarter.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter with its new look, and agree that the new slogan that we have chosen is a good fit for our sector.





Upcoming elections, Get involved!

By D. MacDonald

As we mentioned in our last newsletter the BPS Conference will be held November 26, 27, 28 2009 at the Double Tree Hilton Hotel on the Airport Road. You will be receiving your registration package in August.

Your bargaining unit entitlement as per our bylaws is as follows 1-100 members = 2 delegates and 100+ members = 3 delegates. There are several exciting agenda items for the conference, so be sure to attend if possible. You won't regret it.

At past conferences we have offered Health and Safety Level 1 and 2 courses to our sector members in attendance. They seemed to benefit from this and were able to take a lot back to the members in their respective locals.

The Divisional meeting is held on the last day of the conference.

At the Divisional meeting we will be seeking your feedback as to what has been working,

what has not, and where improvements can be made. This is also the time to elect your new sector executive. If you want to get involved or you want any information on what the duties of each executive member are please feel free to contact anyone on the current executive.

I have always said it is so nice when we actually get to hold elections. I love it when I see more than one member running for a position as it lets us know that there is an interest in what happens within this sector. New members bring new ideas to the table; and that is always welcome. I have had the honour of being involved in some capacity for 20+ years and have held every position on the executive. I have found it to be both rewarding and challenging.

If you are interested in running for the executive, please contact anyone of the current executive for further information.



Interesting Fact: 67.1 per cent of the members in Long Term Care are part-time employees.

Disgraceful.

Dues are due

It is time for your sector dues again for 2009. The dues each bargaining unit pays to the sector goes toward merchandise such as pens, t-shirts, and scrubs and the start up costs to have them made.

These funds also go towards funding the extra activities the executive becomes involved in that are outside of the coverage of our regular budget. These financial resources assist in maintaining the day to day operations of the sector, as well as supporting many other sector activities, too many to list in a newsletter.



If you are in a composite local or do not sit on the executive of your local, you need to ask the treasurer of your local for a cheque for the correct amount and mail it to either

Joan White or Debbie MacDonald. Please make the cheques payable to Sector 8, Long Term Care.

In the very near future you should be receiving another reminder about your dues being due. Please give it to your treasurer as a receipt or if they require something more just let one of us know and we will send you something.

The dues structure as set by our by-laws are as follows:

- *25 or less members = \$15.00 per year.*
- *26-100 members = \$30.00 per year*
- *100 + members = \$60.00 per year*

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