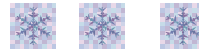


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It's Convention time again!!!!

Once again the Executive of Sector 13 would like to extend an invitation to all Municipal Sector delegates and alternates to meet during Convention in April. We are trying to increase communication with our members and would like to meet representatives from all units during the three days of Convention. We will be posting a meeting time on the overhead screens, so please watch for the time and place and we hope to see you there.

Leadership Training

Sector 13 is organizing Leadership Development Training for its members. This training, offered by OPSEU, is an opportunity for members to gain valuable leadership skills. It also provides an opportunity to network with other members in the same field of work. The executive are working on developing two sessions of training – one in June and the other in October 2005. We encourage all locals and units to send up to three activists that can utilize the skills they develop to improve their union strength. Feel free to contact anyone on the sector executive if you have any questions.

Local 435 -- Lanark, Perth, Tay Valley

There are three units in my local, two very active and the other much smaller and quieter. Everyone has contracts expiring this year, so it will be a very busy year for our Staff Rep. The County Unit is starting the negotiating process and hopes to be at the table in April. Other than the constant work of policing agreements and filing the occasional grievance, things are running fairly smoothly.

-Tara Langford, President

Local 324 – Parry Sound

Recent layoffs at the DSSAB in Parry Sound are making waves all over the province. The arbitrary layoffs of the staff, including the local president, were met with shock and surprise by many people. OPSEU Head Office has released a press statement outlining the layoffs and it is expected to create a bit of a stir once it hits the local papers March 2nd. Keep an eye on the OPSEU website for updates.

-Sandy Sikora, President

Local 305 - Bracebridge

Like a lot of locals, Local 305 is starting the bargaining process. Along with looking after his local, Terry Curtis is also the Chair of Sector 13, and has been involved for numerous years. The sector executive was busy in 2004 accomplishing several tasks, one of which was re-drafting the sector collective agreement, which hopefully when completed will be sent to each Staff Rep for Sector 13 locals.

-Terry Curtis, Sector Chair

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