

# The Part-Time Times

A newsletter for Ontario community college part-time and sessional employees and friends

## Call for delegates: OPSECAAT sets June 14 date for “historic” meeting

The executive committee of the provincial organization of part-timers and sessionals at Ontario colleges (OPSECAAT) is inviting part-timers and sessionals to apply to be delegates to the organization’s Annual General Meeting.

The meeting, set for June 14 in Toronto, will be an “historic” meeting, says OPSECAAT President Roger Couvrette.

“Based on government promises, we fully expect that new legislation to recognize our right to join a union and take part in collective bargaining will be introduced by the time of the meeting,” says Couvrette. “That legislation will change our lives at work and irrevocably change the college workplace.

“It’s going to be an exciting meeting, and we’re looking for smart, committed people to make it even more exciting.”

The meeting will discuss the legislation and make plans for a certification vote which will likely be needed before bargaining can take place, Couvrette said. Also on the agenda will be plans for the integration of part-timers and sessionals into OPSEU.

“We need to talk about local structures, how part-timers work together across the province, how bargaining teams are elected, and so on,” he said. “When the new legislation passes, we want to be ready to take advantage of it

right away.”

Part-timers and sessionals who want to come to the AGM should complete the form on the next page and fax it in to OPSEU head office or complete the form online at <http://www.opseu.org/caat/parttime/delegatecredential.htm>.

Meals, travel, and accommodation expenses will be paid to workers outside the Greater Toronto Area as per OPSEU policy.

One part-time support staff member and one faculty member from each college (who have signed OPSEU membership cards) are eligible to attend the AGM.



College part-timers with colleges minister John Milloy (in black suit), the man who promises to change the law to recognize their right to collective bargaining.

# Application for a delegate credential

to the OPSECAAT Annual General Meeting, June 14, 2008  
OPSEU Membership Centre, 31 Wellesley St. East, Toronto

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home e-mail address:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Home phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Campus: \_\_\_\_\_

Part-time support       Part-time faculty       Sessional faculty

**Please fax this form to (416) 448-7453 OR**

**Apply online at**

<http://www.opseu.org/caat/parttime/delegatecredential.htm>.



**For full information about the OPSEU drive to win union rights for part-timers and sessionals at Ontario's community colleges, visit [www.collegeworkers.org](http://www.collegeworkers.org) or call 1-866-811-7274.**

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