

OAC CHAIRS

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I wish to start off with thanking everyone who participated in our committee and the call outs for members to mobilize at our events this year. It was an extremely busy time for all with the challenges we faced as members of the public service. Your area council was tasked with organizing events and activities around the national campaign “We Are All Affected”.

As chair I was very proud of our work done this year in getting the message out to not only PSAC members but also to the general public. This was achieved by working closely with other committees and CRAPO. Our approach of aligning ourselves with these groups and outreaching to the community proved to gain us support and recognition as leaders in the overall fight against this current government. New in the past year was an incentive offering up to \$1000.00 for regional committees to organize an event or activity with a political theme. This incentive was extremely effective and saw us expand our resources to get exposure in the community. Most of the committees did access these funds for events such as parades, booths at community events, and other large venues. We hope this type of collaboration can continue in the future.

Another ongoing task for the OAC is talking to members of government, federal, provincial and municipal. We had many great opportunities this year with our attendance at the Mayors Breakfast’s, having people attend question period on the hill and speaking at community panels and presenting at special committees. One such special committee was the Ontario road show on living wages where we were asked to submit our position that everyone deserves a living wage and the minimum wage system isn’t working. The council was also following our mandate to encourage members of the region to engage in dialogue with our MP’s and MPP’s on current issues. Some of you did this and we had some success stories, but we need to do better. It is something we will be

putting a high priority on this as it's the only way to keep the members of parliament on their toes as they will notice our commitment to hold them accountable for their actions.

So with all this said the year ahead will be busy with lots of requests. Requests for members , other unions and community groups to come together and be unite and supportive of each other so we can achieve our goal of informing all Canadians of what we do for them and what they can lose under the current government regime after all "We Are All Affected"

In Solidarity

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