

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF THE NORTH

A Bargaining Update for Locals 69 & 70

Bargaining Bulletin

University College of the North Bargaining Committee

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UCN Bargaining Committee Making Considerable Progress on Contract Language

Your University College of the North Bargaining Committee has been bargaining since November 2010.

During the eleven sessions at the bargaining table, the committee has been able to work through a wide range of non-monetary issues that clarify and improve various contract language.

Dates have been set for the rest of February and March, and the committee anticipates heading into the monetary phase (i.e. wages and benefits) of bargaining shortly.



The UCN Bargaining Committee:

Back Row (left to right) Russ Tychonick, MGEU Research Officer;

Ernest Muswagon, MGEU Area 1 Staff Rep;

Jackie Fitzpatrick, Area 8 (Thompson) Local 70 President

Front Row (left to right) Penny Copeland, Component Director;

Kathy Ducharme, Area 1 (The Pas) Local 69 President;

Dale Neal, MGEU Staff Negotiator.

For more information, please contact the MGEU Resource Centre at 1-866-982-6438.

Did you know?

UCN members and their families

can apply for a \$500 bursary...

To be eligible you must be a UCN full-time student, meet acceptable academic performance (GPA of 2.0 or better), and demonstrate financial need. A copy of an MGEU card for spouse or parent must be included with application, include UCN unofficial transcript as well as copy of high school transcript. The deadline date for applying is Oct. 15th, 2011.

Please contact: Financial Awards Officer in the Enrollment Services Office in The Pas or the Student Success Officer on the Thompson Campus.

*Congratulations to the 2010 recipient, Ashley Squires, from the Thompson Campus.
She is registered in the Kenanow Bachelor of Education program.*

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Lois Wales Becomes First Female MGEU President



Our members are our union, and we're stronger together. Now let's get to work! We've got lots to do! - MGEU President Lois Wales

At the MGEU's 61st convention this fall, the Union voted in a new president for the first time in 25 years – and for the first time in the union's history, it was a woman.

On October 23, 2010, Lois Wales (Cardiology Technologist - Area 5 Technical/Professional/Paramedical Component) became the MGEU's first-ever female president.

Lois begins her tenure at a time when government cutbacks and dwindling resources for the government-funded agencies are the norm. However, she's well-prepared for the job, having served more than three decades as an MGEU activist and as the MGEU's 1st Vice President since 1998. She's also chaired many of the union's standing committees and has sat on the Civil Service Master Bargaining Committee for more than a decade.

"Our members are our union, and we're stronger together. Now let's get to work! We've got lots to do!" exclaimed Wales in her acceptance speech.

MGEU bids farewell to its longest serving president, Peter Olfert

After nearly a quarter of a century of memorable battles on behalf of the workers he represented, Peter Olfert stepped down at Convention as president of the MGEU.

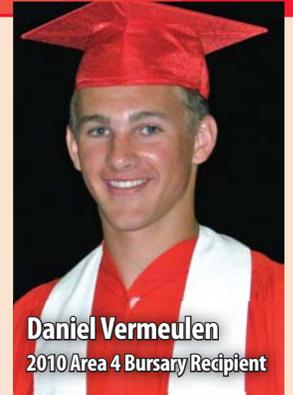
After taking over as president in 1986, Peter led the MGEU during the Conservative years of Premier Gary Filmon when public sector workers were forced by the politicians of the day into a relentless fight mode.

Through this tumultuous period, the union truly came of age under Olfert's leadership, becoming the largest and most innovative trade union in Manitoba.

Olfert travelled the province regularly, trying especially hard to keep in touch with members in rural Manitoba. At the same time he held executive positions with the Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL) and NUPGE.

He begins his retirement as one of the most highly-regarded union leaders in Canada after building the MGEU into one of the best public sector unions in Canada.

2011 MGEU/NUPGE scholarships now available



Every year, the MGEU and its National Union (NUPGE) award several scholarships to union members and

their families, in order to help them succeed in their educational goals. More details and applications for all bursaries/scholarships are available for download at www.mgeu.ca/90.

MGEU Area Bursaries

Right now there are eight MGEU bursaries, worth \$1,000 each (one per area) available to any registered, dues-paying member, or spouse of a member, or child or ward of a member.

Application Deadline: May 9, 2011

NUPGE Post-Secondary Scholarships

Once again, the National Union of Public and General Employees is sponsoring a number of scholarships for children of NUPGE members throughout the country. All MGEU members are eligible to apply for the four scholarships available (worth \$1,500 each).

NUPGE scholarship deadline: June 30, 2011

2010 - 2012 Provincial Executive

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