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GOLICO

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GOLICO ELECTS NEW COMPONENT DIRECTOR



Component Director
Ed Miller

Welcome back to the seventh edition of GOLICO Ink.

Since our last edition, we went through a tough round of negotiations at the bargaining table, got a strike mandate from the membership and ultimately signed a 4-year contract that

included an 8.9% wage increase over the course of the agreement. We also achieved retroactive pay, improvements to benefits, shift premiums and a remoteness allowance.

This past fall, the MGEU also had its 61st Convention on October 22nd and 23rd, 2010, and you can read more about what happened there on the reverse side of this update.

Workplace Safety & Health Regulatory Improvements

On February 1, 2011, changes were made to workplace, safety and health regulations, and new, expanded requirements were introduced to protect workers.

The amendments provide clear direction to employers and workers on the steps necessary to eliminate or control workplace hazards.

Most notably, MGEU members will be better protected as a result of the changes, which include: an expansion of the definition of harassment; a requirement to eliminate or control hazards through the design of the workplace, work processes or engineering controls; a requirement for the development of safe work procedures, training and enforcement;

and committee/representative training to ensure that workers can fulfill their duties.

Please check the following link for Safe Work Bulletin No. 274 for a complete listing of the Workplace Safety and Health Regulation MR 217/2006 amendments that recently took effect.

<http://safemanitoba.com/uploads/Bltn%20274.pdf>

YOUR LOCAL NEEDS YOU

Become A Workplace Steward

Getting your union working for you starts with workplace stewards.

As a steward, you're a resource to your co-workers, a representative at Local meetings and an important voice for workers in your workplace, who otherwise wouldn't have anyone to stand up for them.

If you choose to become a steward, you'll have the support of your Local table officers, staff representative and the MGEU Resource Centre. The union also provides training so that you can learn more about labour legislation, how the MGEU works, and how you can help your fellow members.

When you become a steward, you give a voice to you and your co-workers. You will be heard, and will soon see what your union can do for you.

I hope you enjoy this edition of GOLICO Ink. If you have a question about becoming a Safety and Health Rep or a workplace Steward, please contact the MGEU Resource Centre at 982-6438, toll-free at 1-866-982-6438 or email at resourcecentre@mgeu.ca.

In Solidarity,

Ed Miller, GOLICO Component Director

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 elected 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 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 the country after building the MGEU into one of the best public sector unions in Canada.

2010 - 2012 Provincial Executive

PRESIDENT: Lois Wales, Technical/Professional/Paramedical

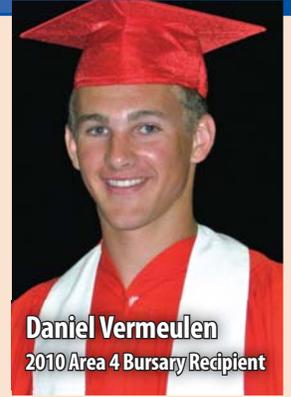
1ST VICE PRESIDENT: Michelle Gawronsky, Health Care Support

2ND VICE PRESIDENT: Stephen Roznowsky, GOLICO

3RD VICE PRESIDENT: Darren Darvill, Social Sciences

4TH VICE PRESIDENT: Jan Henley, Social Sciences

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

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