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OPSEU's VIDEOS

Check this out a new labour song called **Fire It Up**, performed by southern rock and country singer **Rod Black**.

2015 OPSEU Convention



The annual OPSEU Convention was held last week from May 7 to May 9th, 2015 at the Toronto Convention Centre. Convention is the union's highest-ranking authority, where delegates debate and vote on policy and constitutional motions. Awards, presentations and guest speakers are also part of this three-day event. Warren (Smokey) Thomas was acclaimed Thursday to a fifth term as president of the Ontario Public Service Employees Union. First Vice-President/Treasurer Eduardo (Eddy) Almeida was also acclaimed, to a third term. On Thursday at Noon, members from Convention walked from the Toronto Convention Centre to Dwight Duncan's office on Bay Street for a peaceful demonstration. No Justice...No Peace.

The following members were elected at our General Membership meeting to represent our Local as Delegates: Bernie, Eleanor, Joe, as Alternates; Saema, Sergio, Narmeen, and Teresa as our Observer. Click on the link for more information [2015 OPSEU Convention](#)

Constitutional Amendments

The following are a few of the Constitutional Amendments that were CARRIED:

- Signing Officers of a local be any two Elected Officers holding the position of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Secretary-Treasurer or Chief Steward.
- Article 6.3 (d) be amended to include: Occupational Health and Safety Act Section 32 regarding violence and personal harassment.

Resolutions

The following are a few of the resolutions that were CARRIED:

- OPSEU hires a bilingual Education Officer,
- OPSEU will not only have electronic voting at its 2016 Convention but OPSEU shall further report on the benefits of purchasing the electronic voting system

OPSEUs Equity Committees and Caucuses

The following were represented: Aboriginal Circle, Disability Rights Caucus, Provincial Francophone Committee, Provincial Human Rights Committee, Provincial Women's Committee, Provincial Young Workers Committee, Rainbow Alliance, and Workers of Colour

Local 504 Donations

- \$200 to the OPSEU Convention Collection which will be distributed towards [OPSEU Solidarity Funds](#), The Live and Let Live Fund and The Social Justice Fund.
- \$504 to be deducted from our Local Rebates to [Spread the Net](#) to which [Rick Mercer came to Convention](#) to be presented with the Stanley Knowles Humanitarian Award and where his story talked about this great cause.

2015 OPSEU Video Competition

Congratulations to our very own, Anny Ching. Her daughter Samantha was the winner as she submitted a short video called [Stay Public!](#) on the theme: OPSEU members do it right!