



The Local 6004 Membership

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Local 6004 New President

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On March 27th, Derek MacLeod was elected as the new President of Local 6004. Derek has been with Bell for 10 years working on the 7th floor at 160 Elgin in the BBM group. He has been actively involved in the union for five years acting as a steward and chief steward.

BIMS On Board

On April 6th, 638 BIMS employees in Ontario and Quebec officially had their Bell jobs unionized. Of that total number, 459 will be joining Local 6004, effectively doubling the number of members in our Local.

These new members will be working out of 160 Elgin and 360 Lisgar in Ottawa and filling a variety of support and front line functions including repair representatives, quality assurance and resolution representatives.

In early April, members of the Local 6004 executive team began conducting a series of union orientation sessions for the new members. These sessions allowed the new members to meet union representatives and to ask questions. Many of these employees have never worked in a unionized environment before, so the union's role in the workplace is a whole new experience for them.

In the coming weeks, Local 6004 will be conducting elections to select local stewards for all of these groups as well as health and safety representatives who will join the Local 6004 joint health and safety committee.

Welcome to our new members from Local 6004!!!

National Day of Mourning

April 28th marked the annual Day of Mourning in Canada. It is the day we honour and remember employees that were killed or injured on the job. In Ontario there were 306 reported workplace fatalities in 2011 according to the Association of Workers' Compensation Boards of Canada and a total of 919 across the country.

The list of speakers at this year's ceremony at Vincent Massey Park included Ottawa mayor Jim Watson, Sean McKenny, President of the Ottawa and District Labour Council and NDP leader Thomas Mulcair.



"The figures don't even begin to tell the true number of lives lost as a direct result of the workplace", said Sean McKenny, president of the Ottawa and District Labour Council. "These are figures that have been accepted by the various provincial Workers Compensation Boards, in Ontario it's the WSIB, figures that don't include over 35% of the workforce simply because they're not covered through a worker's compensation system or figures that don't include things like occupational diseases. So unquestionably the actual numbers are much higher", he added. "We've seen a number of workplace injuries and fatalities in the city of Ottawa over the last year", said McKenny, "It needs to stop."

Local Steward / Health & Safety Elections



Elections were held on May 7th to elect local stewards and a health & safety committee member to represent the agents in the BIMS BBM group that sits on the lobby level at 160 Elgin in Ottawa.

Four new stewards were elected:
Patrick Baulne, Jeff Black, Max Oswald and Jacques Vachon

Jeff Black was also elected as the health & safety representative and will join the joint Bell committee next month.

We thank them all the nominees for their involvement.

Canadian Labour Congress

During the week of May 4, 2014, Bell Aliant VP Ray Kolody attended the Canadian Labour Congress convention as a delegate for Unifor Local 6004. Here is a summary of the convention highlights.

What is the Canadian Labour Congress?

The Canadian Labour Congress is a labour union organization comprised of many unions in both the private and public sectors across Canada. The unions belonging to the Congress are known as affiliates. The Congress, acting as an “umbrella” organization on behalf of the unions, organizes campaigns, speaks to the media, and lobbies politicians of all parties in Parliament. The CLC works on behalf of all working people in Canada to promote fair labour laws, decent wages, equality rights, safe workplaces, and dignity in retirement.



What happens at Congress?

Many proposals, known as resolutions, are put forth from many different locals and presented to the convention so that delegates may debate and vote on them. Between resolutions there are numerous speakers from such diverse backgrounds in labour, politics, even medicine who discuss how the labour movement can be influential in improving the lives of Canadians. Finally, delegates vote to elect the officers of the Congress, including the offices of president, secretary-general, and executive vice-presidents. Officers are elected for a three year term. In an exciting 40 vote victory, Hassan Yussuf was elected the new president of the Canadian Labour Congress. Yussuf had the support of our own union Unifor and is recognized as a pivotal voice for change that will reinvigorate the labour movement.

Would I be able to attend a convention?

Most conventions are attended by elected officials of your union such as stewards or local presidents, who attend as delegates. That being said, we are always looking for ways to get our members involved. A function such as a convention or labour council would serve as a great introduction as to how the union functions and offers great insight as to how the labour movement works on your behalf. Speak to your local steward about opportunities to attend upcoming events.

How can I get more information on the Canadian Labour Congress?

You can go directly to the CLC's website.

<http://www.canadianlabour.ca/>

Unifor national website:

<http://www.unifor.org/>



Local 6004 News

Elections

With the new BIMS members joining the Local, stewards and health & safety committee members will be elected to represent these groups. Starting on May 7th, stewards and a health & safety rep were elected for the BIMS group working on the lobby level at 160 Elgin. Further elections for the BIMS BRS group on the 6th and 7th floor at 160 Elgin will follow on June 5th.

Good & Wellness

The Good & Wellness committee is always looking for ways to assist members. Whether it be through a happy announcement such as a birth, wedding or other notable achievement, or a death of a family or union member or any other way a member in need may require assistance.

If you or a member you know is in need of assistance from this committee please feel free to contact any of the committee members or send an email to the address below.

goodandwellness@unifor6004.ca

Upcoming Dates

Road Show visit at 360 Lisgar.....May 27th
 BIMS BRS Elections.....June 5th
 Bell Health & Safety Meeting.....June 10th
 General Membership Meeting.....June 12th

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