



OPSSU members are proud to work with OPSEU members

We are the Ontario Public Service Staff Union. Your struggle is our struggle, and we fight along side you every day for good jobs and better, fairer, safer workplaces.

**We service more than 500 OPSEU locals and 155,000 members.
We work at head office and at 20 regional offices across the province.**

OPSSU members bring a wide diversity of skills and backgrounds to the work we do every day, and we perform a huge range of work for and with OPSEU members.

We provide support for locals, negotiate collective agreements, handle grievances and accommodations, provide local leadership development and training, and give expert advice as needed;

We develop and deliver union courses, interactive education events and conferences and orientation for local presidents;

We prepare, research and handle grievances including arbitration and mediation;

We provide legal services and support;

We negotiate and enforce collective agreements, provide advice, guidance and support to sectors, and plan divisional meetings;

We provide office support in every department and at every regional office;

We deliver health and safety training, advice and guidance and provide pensions expertise;

We conduct computer programming and provide information technology systems support, program and maintain telephone and cell phone hardware and systems;

We design, maintain and update the central website in both French and English;

We clean and provide building maintenance services for Head Office, membership centres and regional offices;

We conduct research and write reports for bargaining, campaigns and arbitration;

We organize new locals, including mobilizing, campaigning and card signing;

We update and maintain the central Unionware membership database; book meetings and events including hotels, flights and other travel;

UNION MEMBERS + UNION STAFF = UNION STRENGTH

But wait, there's more...

We also write press releases, speeches, campaign materials and newsletters; maintain media relations and conduct media interviews in both French and English; translate web and print materials into French;

We run campaigns supporting good jobs, bargaining and labour rights; coordinate strike supports; create campaign videos; design campaign and communications graphics; develop and maintain corporate branding; run social media accounts and prepare telephone town halls;

We print all union materials including campaigns items, collective agreements and newsletters, and we process and deliver mail and parcels including weekly shipments to all regional offices;

Introducing the OPSSU Executive

The current executive was elected in December 2017 for a two-year term. You may know many of the executive members already from their work with OPSEU members as organizers, communications officers, negotiators, grievance officers, support staff, research officers, and staff reps.

President, Lois Boggs

1st Vice President, Emily Visser

2nd Vice President, Mirla Alvarado

Chief Steward, Tim Mulhall

Secretary, Gwen Merritt

Membership Secretary, Alyssa Walker

Treasurer, Jeff Weston

Member at large, Pauline Cheslock

Member at large, Nelson Ross Laguna

We maintain corporate accounting, process expense claims and payroll;

We prepare and staff the annual convention, including speaking notes, hotel bookings, design materials, coordination of meetings;

We provide support for equity committees and caucuses; organized equity conferences, give advice and guidance on human rights issues and accommodations, and liaise with international solidarity organizations;

...and more!

We are currently 295 members strong. There are 210 permanent full-time staff, 6 permanent part-time members and 39 contract/temporary staff.

152 OPSSU members work at head office, and another 143 members work at regional offices.



The 2017-2019 OPSSU Executive. From left to right: Jeff Weston, Gwen Merritt, Nelson Ross Laguna, Pauline Cheslock, Mirla Alvarado, Lois Boggs, Tim Mulhall, Alyssa Walker, Emily Visser