



# CEP Local 6006

Keeping our Members informed  
Spring 2012

## Message from the Local President

Sisters and Brothers

2012 is turning out to be a busy year for us as we have seen lots of movement at our local - some good and some not so good. As always your executive committee will strive to uphold our Collective Agreements, our local bylaws and achieve fair and equitable solutions for all situations. I am pleased to report that our local is actively involved in various labour and social issues.

Unfortunately, we are losing approximately 140 Bell members from our Regional Resolution team and Wholesale Group to our sister local, located out at Creekbank in Mississauga. In this move, our Local Executive will be losing Secretary Treasurer, Deborah Joyce, Vice-President (Bell Canada) Sandra Gemmell and Union Steward Sharon Fisher.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Local to thank them for their contributions and invaluable activism. We wish them well at their new locality and always welcome hearing from them.

We are only as strong as our members. Have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you all at the next membership meeting in April.

Thank you,

Pearl Almeida

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There has been much interest about the prospect of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers and Canadian Auto Workers unions joining together to create a new union and a new face for Canadian labour.

At the kick-off conference, which was held on Feb. 25-27, labour experts stressed that corporate power and anti-worker governments are driving the need for union renewal.

“Union renewal and labor movement revitalization will remain fragmented and ineffective without a coordinated approach and a common vision and agenda,” he said. “This is an opportune time to reflect on current state and future prospects. There is clear opportunity for unions in the present moment.”

The two unions have set up a website to keep members updated and engaged in discussions about the possibility of creating a new union.

The two joint sites [www.newunionproject.ca](http://www.newunionproject.ca) and [www.projetnouveausyndicat.ca](http://www.projetnouveausyndicat.ca) will be regularly updated as new information and multi-media materials become available. We encourage you to sign up on the site to get regular updates.

### *Local 6006 supporting the Labour Movement*

Local 6006 was busy in the last few months participating in various activities in the local community and throughout the province to support the goals of the labour movement.

Fall 2011 - members of Local 6006 walked the picket and line and provided financial support to our brothers and sisters at Ming Pao (CEP Local 87M) striking for a first contract. The good news is that the Ontario Labour Board ordered an end to the 11-week strike at the Chinese-Canadian newspaper, and an arbitrator will impose a first contract.

Nov 2011 - Members of the executive and stewards attended the Ontario Federation of Labour Convention in Toronto. The OFL a provincial alliance of labour organizations is preparing itself to challenge any politician that puts the interests of corporations ahead of working people. More than 1500 OFL convention delegates marched in support of Occupy Toronto participants to show solidarity for their cause condemning the greed of Canada's financial sector and the impunity with which it has accumulated wealth at the expense of 99% of the population.

Dec. 2011 Ottawa- CEP women's conference. Delegates from local 6006 joined women from across Canada at the event which featured the Right Honorable Michaëlle Jean, former Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, as keynote speaker. Her speech described her experience establishing shelters for battered women, and she spoke about the importance of using the arts to engage young Canadians in the struggle against violence against women.

### *Labour Community Advocate (LCA)*

The LCA training and designation is a labour education program sponsored by the Labour Community Services of Toronto and is funded by The United Way. LCAs are trained with the necessary skills and resources to confidentially assist co-workers in need by providing a wide range of service referrals.

Just a small sampling of the many services and resource topics available are:

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| ~ Bereavement & Loss Support     | ~ Family Issues               |
| ~ Financial Problems             | ~ Harassment & Violence       |
| ~ Stress and Life / Work Balance | ~ Addiction & Substance Abuse |

We are proud to announce that more LCAs are becoming available to all of our membership. Various Local 6006 members are training to become LCAs and those previously trained as Union Counsellors will be changing their designation. LCA's also connect our Unions to the communities we live in. Available to you, at your various work locations, are the following LCAs :

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| • Carolyn Lee         | Yellow Pages | Carolyn.Lee@cep6006.ca          |
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| • Annette Morgan      | Bell Canada  | Annette.Morgan@cep6006.ca       |
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## Yellow Pages Update

Our Yellow Pages location has grown recently and I'd like to welcome all new members to CEP Local 6006. It's been a while since we assigned specific union representatives to departments, but we thought now would be a good time to better organize our location. Of course, any member is free to approach any union representative, regardless of the assignment we have outlined below. If a member would like to ask a question or has a concern but doesn't know who to approach, please refer to the list. We're all ready and willing to help - so don't hesitate to reach out.

Lila Veleski, Vice President (ext. 5091)

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- Client Services
- Client Relations

Carolyn Lee, Chief Steward (ext. 5599)

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- Administrative Services
- National Publishing (all)
- Manufacturing
- Marketing (CMS Coordinator)
- National Sales Channel
- Digital Services Group

Susanne Toms, Union Steward & Health & Safety Representative (ext. 5775)

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- Sales Support Duties Clerk
- Specialized Sales Support Clerks
- Sales Support Reps (Dedicated)
- Graphic Consultants

## Women's Committee

My name is Connie Pasnick and I am the chairperson of Local 6006 Women's Committee. I am committed to making this a success. We need volunteer members to join the committee, our objective is to make life better for women and their families.

For more information or to become a member contact me at: [cepwomenscommittee@gmail.com](mailto:cepwomenscommittee@gmail.com)

I am interested in hearing your ideas on what issues are important to you, e.g. child care, pay equity, anti-harassment & anti-bullying, supporting local woman's charities....etc. Wouldn't it be nice to have a world with no bullying and no abuse?

This committee membership is open to all CEP members, it is not limited to only women.

Men are welcome allies. Together, we can make this happen.

Connie Pasnick

Women's Committee Chairman

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## ***Membership meeting***

***Date: Wednesday April 11/2012***

***Time: 5:00pm***

***Location: Local 27***

***(Across the street from Local 6006)***

***2265 Midland Av, Unit #12***

***Scarborough, On***

### **Agenda**

- Order of business (regular meeting)***
- Proposed By-Law changes***
- Grievance appeals***
- Social committee events***
- Political Action***

***Light refreshments will be served,***

***In Solidarity***

***Local 6006 Executive Team***