

Who we are and what we do



Welcome to the second issue of our tri-annual newsletter, *Education Matters*. This is part of our continued effort to familiarize you with the work we do, give you a quick overview of new resources, and get your ideas for materials we are working on.

For more information on who we are please visit www.opseu.org/membereducation/ and go to “Training and Development”. To access some of our on-line resources, please select “Hands-On Education Activities and Tools”.

Coming soon... “New Resources for Fall 2010”

For regional education,

- Advanced Grievance Handling for Union Building
- Let’s Start Meeting Like This: Running Meetings that Build the Union
- Cross Cultural Communication at Work
- Building your Community through Political Action
- Making Accommodation Work (DTA2)



At the local level:

- **The New Local Treasurers Getting Started Toolkit.** This Toolkit is available through your staff rep or regional office.
- **Education and Action for New Units.** Seven 2-hour modules: Topics are: *OPSEU 101, Mapping the membership, LEC Roles and Responsibilities, Preparing for Bargaining, Dealing with Employer Tactics Before a Contract, Developing and Electing a New Leadership, Getting Started Tool*
- **Jumpstart Series.** These are 1-page resources for you to distribute to members or for use by your LEC and stewards. #1: Building Member Involvement; #2: Developing New Stewards; #3: Why Signing Up Members Matters; #4: Keeping the Union Visible.
- **Workplace Investigations Course.** Designed to strengthen the capacity of stewards to represent members through a formal workplace investigation and disciplinary process.

Note: This course excludes corrections members. Corrections has a course specific to Section 22 of the Ministry of Correctional Services Act.



From left to right: OPSEU Education Officers Barb Thomas, Kay Singh and Marty McFarlane display the *Jumpstart* series.

Goodbye Betty Stevens:

After 19 years with OPSEU's Training and Development Unit, Betty has moved on to enjoy her well deserved days of retirement.

Welcome Michelle Langlois:

We are pleased to welcome to OPSEU and the T&D Unit, our new Secretary, Michelle.

Did you know? We are working on:

- **Train the Trainer: Strengthening Facilitator Skills 2**, for members with over 5 years of facilitation experience, scheduled for November, 2010.
- **More tools and activities** for local leadership including stewards.
- **A Stewards Toolkit** for new stewards.
- **Workshops and tools** for the *Provincial Human Rights Conference*.
- **3-hour workshops** for the *OPS Conference* in November 2010.
- **New 3-hour workshops** for the 2011 *BPS Conference*.