

Local 002
Special Edition

Newsletter

December 2018

Greetings from Local 002 Executive

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays everyone! We have much to be thankful for in this holiday season. Paid days off and a new Collective Agreement with job security, seniority and a wage reopener which starts negotiations on January 15, 2019. We wish you, your families and friends' enjoyment and a happy season!



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What's New in Chapter Two

Chapter 002 will be holding its first-ever member's social, **WinterFest**. WinterFest will be held on Saturday, January 5. Tickets are nearly sold out and the last day to pick up tickets is on December 21. WinterFest will also collect items for the Youth Empowerment and Support Services. For information on this organization, visit their website: <https://yess.org/>

On January 12, the Chapter will have a general meeting. This meeting will focus on your **pension plan** and why it is a major benefit for GOA employees. Another key topic is the **wage reopener**. You can rsvp for the meeting now by going to the Local home page at: <http://local002.aupe.ca/>

On January 26, there will be PREP (Points Rating Evaluation Plan) training in Edmonton. If more people are interested in **position classification training**, they can contact the committee: aupe.local.002.prep@gmail.com.

For members who want to be more involved in the chapter and local, the **annual general meeting** is scheduled for March 30. Meeting notices will come out closer to the date.

As another year wraps up and the holiday season begins, enjoy your time off with family and friends. May you enjoy good health and happiness in 2019.

Marcia O'Connor, Chapter Chair
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Wellness and Personal Development (WAPD)

The Bursary is now open. \$200 for health and wellness related expenses in 2018. Please see the website (<http://local002.aupe.ca/bursary>) for more information. There are questions and answers. It is not intended for educational expenses. This is **ONLY** for expenses the members incurred.



Closes: January 31st, 2019

For more information and guidelines visit:

http://aupelocal002.publishpath.com/Websites/aupelocal002/images/Education/2018_bursary_guidelines.pdf

Employee Relations Committee (ERC)



Did you know that there is a committee that wants to hear from you on any issues or concerns that you have at the worksite? And did you know that the employer wants to hear this too? This is the role of the Employee Relations Committee (ERC) which is comprised of six elected members from your Local 002 Council, human resources reps from numerous ministries within Local 002 and a labor relations consultant from the Public Service Commission (PSC).

Through coordinated efforts, this dynamic team meets four times a year to discuss emerging issues and identify solutions. In order facilitate this information sharing, we need to hear from you. Are there any concerns or issues that affect such matters as health and safety, operations, work/life balance, quality of service, equity, respect and recognition, training, recruitment and retention, and staff morale. Your feedback is important and anonymous so to share your thoughts, concerns or positive feedback, visit the online Workplace Survey by going to local002.aupe.ca – scroll down and you will find the survey on the right side of your screen.

Debra Mercer
ERC Chair

