

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH



July 30, 2026

Notice of ONIWG AGM & Conference

Joint Conference with OFL: Thursday, October 1, 2026 (full day)
ONIWG Annual General Meeting: Friday, October 2, 2026 (full day)
Meeting of new Executive: Saturday, October 3, 2026 (morning)

Dear Injured Workers, ONIWG Members, Associate Members & Guests:

Invitation to “Rise Up for Injured and Ill Workers” Conference and ONIWG’s AGM

The Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups (ONIWG) is pleased to invite you to a joint conference with the Ontario Federation of Labour on Thursday, October 1st entitled: Rise Up for Injured and Ill Workers. This will be followed by a day of leadership training, building the injured workers’ movement, and ONIWG’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday October 2nd. Those who are voted to be ONIWG’s next executive during the October 2nd AGM will also meet the next morning to plan their term in office as a team.

ONIWG has funding to sponsor injured workers to travel to Toronto to attend these events in person. All injured workers interested in ONIWG and joining the injured workers’ movement are encouraged to register, but funding requests (made through the registration link) should be received by August 7th: <https://tinyurl.com/RiseUp4IIW>

Information about being a voting member

ONIWG is made up of member injured workers’ groups across Ontario. Each member group can nominate two of its members to be “voting delegates” to ONIWG’s AGM, as well as a youth delegate (member under 30 years old). Being a “voting delegate” means they will be able to vote on the proposed constitutional amendments and election of ONIWG’s next executives. All injured workers are welcome to attend the conference, including the AGM, but only voting delegates can vote at the AGM.

If you would like to be a voting delegate at this year’s AGM, please contact your local group to express your interest. If there is no active group in your area or you are not getting a response, e-mail oniwgexec@gmail.com about wanting to attend as a voting member, and we will try to help you out.

Local groups should advise the ONIWG Executive of its voting delegates by e-mail:
oniwgexec@gmail.com

Notice of elections

There will be elections for all positions of the ONIWG Executive at the October 2nd AGM. Before the elections take place, all voting delegates will be voting on whether to make certain changes to ONIWG's Constitution (governing by-law). More information on the proposed constitutional amendments is below. Whether certain changes are passed will affect what positions will be voted on.

<i>Positions if NO Changes are Passed:</i>	<i>Positions if Proposed Changes DO Pass:</i>
President	President
Executive Vice-President	Vice-President
Secretary	Secretary
Treasurer	Treasurer
(Regional) Vice-Presidents (up to 10)	5 Regional Representatives: Northern, Eastern, Central, GTA (Toronto), Southwest
Youth Vice-President	Youth Representative
	Communications Officer

If you wish to run or nominate someone to run for an Executive position, the Nomination Form and a description of the various positions can be found at:

<https://injuredworkersonline.org/oniwg-conference-and-annual-general-meeting/>

We encourage all nominations be sent in advance to oniwgexec@gmail.com, however the Constitution requires that all nominations for President, Secretary, and Treasurer, be received in writing **no later than September 18, 2026**.

Notice of Proposed Constitutional Amendments

The majority of ONIWG's Executive has agreed to propose several amendments to ONIWG's Constitution, which must be passed by two thirds of the voting delegates at the October 2nd AGM to take effect. To give members time to review and consider the amendments being proposed, several documents can be found at <https://injuredworkersonline.org/oniwg-conference-and-annual-general-meeting/>

At that link, members can find (1) a summary of the amendments being proposed, by topic; (2) a side-by-side chart comparing the major changes, by article; and (3) a copy of the full constitution, with all proposed amendments shown in red through track changes. Voting delegates will be asked for vote on the amendments by section (so they can choose to vote in favour of some amendments but not others). There will be some time for discussion of the amendments at the AGM before voting, however if you have questions in advance, you are welcome to e-mail ONIWG's legal counsel at kathrin.furniss@iwc.clcj.ca

We hope to see you in Toronto this October! Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/RiseUp4IIW>

Sincerely,



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