ONIWG achievements

(not necessarily in order of importance)

- Giving injured workers a provincial voice (not just local)

- Preserving pensions for IWS hurt before 1990
  - Tory Government wanted everyone to be deemed

- Full cost of living adjustments to the Consumer Price Index
  - This was gained in 1986, lost in 1996 and 1998 and then regained in 2018

- Getting core funding from the Ministry of Labour, arms-length, to allow a paid organizer and funding for some local injured workers' groups
  - This funding was shut down by the Mike Harris government in 2002.

- Restoring pension supplements to thousands of injured workers under the Rae government and getting a $200 increase to monthly pensions: $200,000,000 per year into the pockets of workers with permanent disabilities who were unemployed
  - ONIWG opposed the Rae reduction of cost-of-living adjustments (Friedland formula)

- Saving the Appeals Tribunal from amalgamation into a bureaucratic "mega-tribunal"

- Preserving compensation for chronic pain and expanding compensation to occupational stress

- Fighting for victims of occupational disease in various towns and in alliance with the Occupational Disease Reform Alliance

Via the RAACWI process (Research Action Alliance on the Consequences of Work Injury), got the WSIB to co-author a booklet denouncing stigma against injured workers

- Established injured workers' speaker schools in many locations in Ontario

- Established the Workers Comp Is a Right (WCIAR) campaign focussing on 3 key demands

- Changed the WC Act to eliminate the deduction of Old Age Security from pension supplements

- Stopped Marshall from demanding the law be changed to eliminate the "72-month lock in" on compensation benefits

- ONIWG survived, despite no funding and incredible odds

- Recent promise to increase LOE benefits from 85% to 90% (pending)

- Developed the Meredith Act reflecting the voices of injured workers – tabled in 2025 at Queens Park