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Conference 2007
Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups
Friday May 4th – Sunday May 6th, 2007

Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges
Steelworkers Hall
25 Cecil Street, Toronto

15 February, 2007

Dear Injured Workers and Workers' Compensation Activists,

We invite you to attend the upcoming conference, *Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges*, sponsored by the Ontario Network of Injured Workers Groups in partnership with the Injured Worker History Project. We are inviting grassroots activists from injured worker groups, labour unions, legal clinics and our community allies to join us for two and a half days of skill building, network building and strategy sharing.

Conference Description

We have an ambitious agenda for *Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges* and hope to accomplish a lot on this weekend. We aim to bring grassroots activists together with some interesting and entertaining panelists to:

- Build support for our provincial network & promote communications across the province,
- Learn how to use arts and culture to build community support,
- Learn about the importance of story telling and the oral history movement,
- Build community history skills and exchange ideas for telling our stories,
- Build bridges with our community allies so that we can move forward together with our vision of justice both locally and provincially.

We are hoping to build on the successes of previous year's conferences which have brought together about 140 injured workers, union activists, and other workers' compensation activists. With that in mind, we are aiming to have a conference with an equal balance between injured

workers and union/legal clinic/community activists and between Toronto participants and people from outside Toronto.

Registration Fee

The registration fee is \$250. This includes breakfast on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday and lunch on Friday and Saturday and on Saturday, an evening dinner (still in the planning stages) and a production of the injured worker theatre project “Easy Money.” The fee will be waived for delegates from not-for-profit injured worker groups. We are also seeking assistance from our labour and community allies to sponsor injured workers from your area to attend the conference. Please consider sponsoring an injured worker to participate.

ONIWG AGM

As well, ONIWG will be holding its AGM and business meeting on May 3rd, so ONIWG members and associate members should mark their calendars for that day too. The AGM will be held at 489 College Street in downtown Toronto.

Accommodations

Two delegates from ONIWG member injured worker groups will be subsidized and accommodation will be booked centrally. (Please talk to Steve Mantis to confirm – 807-767-9633 or smantis@tbaytel.net.) We are working on a reduced rate at the Days Inn on Carlton Street for accommodations for out of town participants. We can give you more details when you register.

Please Respond

We hope you will join us. To register, please complete the attached registration form so we can get an early idea of the numbers of people attending. An agenda and more details will follow.

Yours truly,

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REGISTRATION FORM

Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges

I want to register for *Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges* in May 2007.

Name: _____

Union: _____ Local: _____

Organization: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Mailing Address:

Special needs – Please let us know of any accommodations needed for disability:

Dietary needs – we are offering a vegetarian alternative to lunch and dinner. Please check if required:

I would like to attend:

- The ONIWG AGM – May 3rd
- The Telling Our Stories, Building Bridges Conference – May 4,5,6th
- I need subsidized travel and accommodation.
- I would like information on accommodation in Toronto.

Please send your registration form with a cheque for \$250 (if applicable) to Judy Kondrat, IAVGO, 489 College St., Toronto, ON M6G 1A5. IAVGO has graciously agreed to be the registrar and banker for the conference. Cheques should be payable to: Industrial Accident Victims Group of Ontario.

For more information, contact Judy Kondrat at 416- 924-6477 or toll free 1-877-230-6311; fax 416-924-2472 or email at kondratj@lao.on.ca.