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To: All Local OH&S Liaisons

From: James Hart, VP & Chairperson of the AUPE Standing Health and Safety Committee

Re: Terms of Reference Local OH&S Liaison

## Background

The AUPE Constitution mandates the Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Standing Committee to ensure that the membership is informed of all relevant information on Occupational Health and Safety. In order to fulfill that mandate, the OH&S Committee determined that communication between the Committee and the Locals needed to be improved.

## Goals

The Local Occupational Health and Safety Liaison position was created to provide more effective communication between the Locals and the OH&S Committee. The goal is to create two-way communication between the Locals and the OH&S Committee so that information is communicated to the Locals in a timely and consistent manner. Further, the issues of each Local can be communicated to the OH&S Committee more efficiently.

## **Definitions**

Liaison - a person who establishes and maintains communication for mutual understanding and cooperation.

## To achieve these goals the Local OH&S Liaison shall:

- Attend meetings of the Local Occupational Health & Safety sub-committee, if such exists
- Report in writing at least once per year to the OH&S Standing Committee the OH&S concerns of the Local
- Report, in writing, at least three times per year to the Local Council on the execution of their duties
- Communicate Local OH&S issues; educational needs, resource requirements to the OH&S Standing Committee

- Identify OH&S worksite advocates/contacts
- Identify existing worksite OH&S committees and contact information
- Promote OH&S education by communicating to the Locals available courses, seminars, conferences, and literature available. (AUPE OH&S website)
- Circulate OH&S posters and brochures to the membership
- Represent the interests of all members of the Union
- Be a worksite contact.

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In Solidarity,

James Hart

Chairperson, AUPE Health & Safety Standing Committee

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