

## CONVENTION SEASON COPE ONTARIO AND COPE 343

Congratulations to Kelly Belbin, the new President of COPE Ontario, and the acclaimed President of COPE Local 343!

This March, members across the province convened for the COPE Ontario Convention. In addition to acclaiming Local 343's very own Kelly Belbin as president, the convention was also successful in passing a number of historical resolutions, including the establishment of a regular Young Worker Symposium, and the inclusion of an equity seat on the COPE Ontario Executive Board.

At the Local Convention in April, a constitutional resolution was passed to elect a full-time president, to address concerns that have been brought forward by members, and to bridge the gap between our 100+ units, and the representation we see from the union.

We're excited to see what the future of COPE holds with these changes ahead!



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**DAY OF MOURNING**  
APRIL 28, 2025

Every day, people are killed by workplace hazards, while thousands more suffer from workplace injuries and occupational diseases. On April 28- the National Day of Mourning- we honour these fallen workers and pledge to use our power to prevent these tragedies from continuing.

Visit the Workers Health and Safety Centre (WHSC) [here for more information](#) on the Day of Mourning, as well as events that are happening around the province. See [here to sign up for the WHSC newsletter](#), and stay up to date on the issues that effect workers daily.

**CLC WORKERS TOGETHER  
FEDERAL ELECTION PREP**

Canadians are tired- Tired of working multiple jobs just to scrape by. Tired of wages that can't keep up with the cost of living. Tired of repeated cuts to the services we need and rely on.

We deserve better- NOW! Visit the [CLC website to learn more](#) about their *Workers Together* campaign, and help mobilize the community ahead of this upcoming federal election.

We need change, and we need it now.

**WE'RE  
FIGHTING FOR  
WORKERS****JOIN US AT  
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**MEET YOUR NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD  
2025-2027****President**

Kelly Belbin

**Secretary Treasurer**

Ethiraju Ramachandar

**Vice President**

Tanya LaRush

**Recording Secretary:** Pauline Fitzgerald**Equity:** Cassandra Julal and Cornetta Mason**Young Worker:** Bailey Sargent**Members-at-Large:** Michelle Stankevicius, Landon Bryson, Inderdeep Sidhu**Want to get more involved in the local?**

Consider joining one of our committees:

- Equity Committee
- Young Workers Committee
- Political Action Committee

Join the emailing list, and get updates on committee actions, meetings, and events!

Contact [equity@cope343.com](mailto:equity@cope343.com), [youngworkers@cope343.com](mailto:youngworkers@cope343.com), or [office@cope343.com](mailto:office@cope343.com).