



# 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BARBARA KOWALSKI LITERACY AWARD - 2017

## **NOMINATIONS FOR THE CUPE NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LITERACY AWARD**

Do you know a CUPE member or Local Union that champions workplace literacy and clear language? Get your nomination in by **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017** as CUPE Nova Scotia will present its 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Provincial Literacy Award for an individual and Local Union at the 2017 Provincial Convention.

### **What do we mean by "*Literacy*"?**

Literacy is the ability to read, write, work with numbers, problem solve, communicate and think critically at whatever level is basic to the task at hand. Literacy empowers us to:

- ❖ assert our rights and build our Union
- ❖ act as full citizens and change society
- ❖ question, evaluate, and envision
- ❖ develop our knowledge and potential at work, at home, and in our community

### **What is "*Clear Language*"?**

- ❖ language that readers can understand
- ❖ design that makes documents easy to read and easy to use

For more information on the CUPE Literacy Project go to [www.cupe.ca/www/literacy](http://www.cupe.ca/www/literacy)

The Executive of CUPE Nova Scotia are looking for literacy champions. There will be two awards: one for an individual member and one for a Local Union who has promoted workplace literacy and clear language. A literacy champion might:

- ❖ encourage other CUPE members to learn
- ❖ model lifelong learning by following their own learning tools
- ❖ raise awareness on literacy and clear language within the Union and workplace
- ❖ help build the Union through literacy and clear language

The member(s) may have participated in a literacy program or helped start one in their Local, or promoted worker education in some other way. The Local Union must have participated in a literacy program and helped build a Union-centred education program in the workplace, or they may have promoted worker education in some other way. There are many ways to be literacy champions. Champions will be CUPE members in good standing. CUPE staff is not eligible for the award.

To nominate an individual and/or a Local Union please send in writing the name of your nominee with contact information for them. Tell us in writing why he/she or they are a literacy champion in one hundred (100) words or less and send it by mail or fax to:

**Dave Dort - CUPE NS Recording Secretary**  
**271 Brownlow Avenue, Dartmouth NS, B3W 1W6**  
**Fax: 902-455-5915**



# BARBARA KOWALSKI ANNUAL LITERACY AWARD NOMINATION FORM

## Individual or Local Union you are nominating:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Years as a CUPE Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your name and contact information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Day: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

This nomination is supported by: \_\_\_\_\_

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Local President's Signature

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and

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Local or Division Executive Member's Signature

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Please tell us why you are nominating this member or Local Union for the CUPE Provincial Literacy Award. Think of examples from the first page, and add your own.

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What has the member or Local Union done to promote workplace literacy and clear language within the Union or workplace?

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How has the member or Local Union influenced other members and the Union?

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Please describe how the member or Local Union has helped strengthen the Union through his/her literacy and clear language activism?

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How has the member or Local Union been involved in the Union?  
*(if you are nominating a group of members, please list each person)*

	<b>Current Role</b>	<b>Past Role (identify years)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Local Union</b>			
<b>CUPE Division</b>			
<b>Other (describe)</b>			

Other Comments:

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