

1. How much does affiliation cost?

The cost to affiliate is 20 cents per member per month. The formula looks like this: $0.20 \times (\text{amount of members}) \times 12 \text{ months} = \text{annual affiliation dues}$. For example, CUPE XYZ has 324 members, so its annual due is $0.20 \times 324 \times 12 = \777.60 .

2. Where is the monthly meeting, time, etc?

The monthly meeting almost always takes place at OPSEU Hall on First Ave in North Bay. OPSEU's office is located on the second floor of the old North Bay Legion building. The North Bay legion uses the main floor. The meeting is the third Monday of each month. There's no official meeting in July and August, and if a meeting falls on a holiday Monday then we usually meet the next day, on Tuesday (but it's best to check with Henri to confirm date and location if Monday holiday).

3. What do I have to do or say at the meeting?

Most members who attend listen to reports of various committees and groups. Many members take part in Labour Council projects so they generally join debate and conversation. At the end of each meeting, we allow for each member present to say as much or as little about how things are going with their respective local. The local sharing is not recorded in the minutes.

4. How can I find out about Labour Council information?

The best way to find out about Labour Council activities is by attending the monthly meetings. Otherwise, following the twitter and facebook accounts is a safe bet. You can easily DM either social media account and you'll receive a prompt reply. Calling or emailing Henri Giroux is another great way to stay in touch. We produce a newsletter every few months too. Finally (and unfortunately under construction) you can visit our website www.northbaylabour.org

5. My local is very large; how do I pay North Bay Labour affiliation?

Many locals overlap more than one Labour Council and figuring out how to affiliate can be confusing. If you want to affiliate to North Bay's Labour Council, then decide how many members reside in the area and make the calculation accordingly. If your local is very big, then consider joining all the Labour Councils that fall within your local. Call Henri or any of the other Labour Council Presidents and we can figure out an equitable method of affiliation.

6. My local doesn't have a very big political action budget?

This is the case for lots of unions. You're not alone. Some unions save all their member dues for bargaining and strike fund, whereas others budget for outreach and member engagement. Some are highly centralized and others are decentralized. The important thing here is to talk with Henri about your budgeted amount and to figure out a way to get involved. We want your involvement in our projects. We do better when your union is involved.

7. We don't have anyone that wants to come to the meetings?

This is okay too, but not ideal. Some locals have budgets but for one reason or another have a hard time convincing members to attend the local meetings. We can help you develop activist skills. Let us know and we might be able to help. Involvement doesn't have to look the same for everyone.

8. Can more than one member of a local attend the meetings?

Absolutely! More the merrier.