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**TO: Local Union Presidents and Recording Secretaries, and
Chairpersons and Secretaries of Retired Workers Chapters and Area
Councils**

2019 OUTSTANDING RETIRED WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the Unifor "Outstanding Retired Worker of the Year" Award. This annual award is presented to a retired activist who has made a major contribution to their Local Union and their community.

Attached is a background information sheet, outlining how to nominate a candidate for this very special award, and a nomination form. All nominations must comply with the criteria and be approved by the chairperson of your Retired Workers Chapter and the Local Union Executive Board, signed by the President.

The deadline for submitting nominations will be **June 15, 2019**. Kindly forward your submission to the Unifor Retired Workers Department, 5915 Airport Road Suite 510, Mississauga ON, L4V 1T1, or by email to Mississauga.Reception@unifor.org please cc' Barb.Dolan@unifor.org or send by fax to 905-678-7868. All submissions must be received in our office by end of the day on or before **June 15, 2019**.

If you are able to send your nomination in word format.

Please contact Barb Dolan, Director, Retired Workers Department, if you have any questions, at 416-998-3954, or email barb.dolan@unifor.org.

In solidarity,

Jerry Dias
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Background and Criteria Information

Outstanding Retired Worker of the Year Award

The numerous freedoms and advances we enjoy today were fought for, won and secured by the pioneers of the union movement. Many of these pioneers have since passed away, however, there are several who are living and continuing their fight for a more caring and just society. Generally, volunteers in the union movement and from within the then UAW, CAW and now Unifor, have not always been adequately acknowledged and recognized for their life's devotion to the union and to helping build a better society.

Accordingly, the National Retired Workers Council Executive, in cooperation with the Unifor Retired Workers department, proposed the creation of an annual award to be bestowed on one (1) retired worker whose volunteer service has helped build the union and strengthen the community. This proposal was approved by the National Executive Board (NEB) in January 2000.

Criteria

1. Only rank-and-file Unifor retired workers will be eligible for the award.
2. Retired staff and retired full-time elected officers of Unifor are not eligible for nomination.
3. All nominations must be received by June 15th by filling out the appropriate nomination form completely, which fully elaborates on the attributes of the nominee, and the full extent of the nominee's volunteer activities in the union and community.
4. Each nomination must be approved by the Retired Workers Chapter and Local Union Executive Board. Where there is no organized Retired Workers Chapter in the Local Union, the nomination must be approved by the Local Union Executive Board. Forms will be made available for each RW Chapter and Local Unions.
5. Only one (1) nomination from each Local Union will be accepted in any given year.
6. This award is intended to honour a living retired worker. If a duly nominated member passes, between the date for applications (June 15, 2019) and the annual Retired Workers Council and Conference, that person will still be considered by the special awards committee.

7. The nominees for the award will be processed through a Special Awards Committee (SAC) made up of representatives of the National Retired Workers Council Executive, the Unifor Retired Workers department, the President's office and the Secretary-Treasurer's office.
8. The Special Awards Committee (SAC) and recommendation(s) must be finalized and approved by the National Executive Board (NEB). The approved designee and the Local Union will be notified of the NEB's decision.
9. Once the recipient of the award is finalized, arrangements will be made to bring the recipient and his/her partner to the annual Retired Workers Council and Conference held in Port Elgin, Ontario, for the presentation and tribute.
10. Each year's recipient will receive a personalized plaque which will have his/her name prominently inscribed and appropriately acknowledge his/her service to the union and the community.
11. All recipients of the award will have their achievements documented and highlighted throughout Unifor via the union's communication networks.
12. A recipient of the award can only be recognized once, although an individual may continue to be an activist in their chapter/area council and community, they may only be recognized once by Unifor.



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NOMINATION FORM

Outstanding Retired Worker of the Year Award

We nominate the following retired worker to be considered for the above award for his or her performance, participation and achievement as an outstanding Unifor retired worker in the local and community:

Name of Nominee _____ Phone _____

Address _____
_____ Postal Code _____

Retired Workers Chapter (if applicable) _____

Retired from unit/plant/office _____

Unifor Local _____ # Years as Unifor member _____

Activities in Local/Community: _____

Achievements: _____

Please provide details as to why this particular individual should be considered for this award on the reverse side of this form. →→

Approved by Retired Workers Chapter/Local _____

(signature of Chairperson) x _____ Date _____

Approved by Executive Board of Local _____

(signature of President) x _____ Date _____

Please return completed form by June 15th to the Unifor Retired Workers Department, Attention Joan Prescott at Unifor Mississauga Office 5915 Airport Road Suite 510, ON L4V 1T1 or at Mississauga.Reception@unifor.org.

Name of Nominee _____

Explain fully why you believe this person is worthy of being considered for this Award:

List all Local Union service, positions held previously and now, public service, government, community boards, commissions, committees, special activities and volunteer service should be spelled out. Participation in political campaigns should also be noted.
