



THE ACCENT

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Presidential Election 2009

The current term of office for UPSE President will expire this year immediately following the annual convention. Nomination forms and information for candidates is available at the UPSE office. The deadline for nominations is Monday, July 20, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

An election will be conducted by a mail-out - mail-in ballot format between August 13, 2009 and September 10, 2009. The results will be verified and announced on September 11, 2009. The term of office will run for three years and will begin immediately following the annual convention.

All members in good standing, as per the July 25, 2009 payroll lists, will have a ballot mailed to their home address. **If you have not been receiving information from the Union during the past year, or if you have recently moved or had a name change, please call Tammy at the UPSE office 892-5335 or toll-free at 1-800-897-8773 to update your information.**

Odd numbered locals to elect Directors

The term of office for Directors of odd-numbered locals expires following this year's annual convention. A call for nominations has been issued by the Membership Services Committee and will remain open until August 1, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. Elections, if necessary, will be conducted via a mail-in ballot during the month of August.

To be eligible for nomination you must:

- Be a member in good standing of the applicable local for at least the past 12 months
- Be nominated by a member in good standing from the applicable local
- Have taken the "Welcome to UPSE": or its equivalent course

Nomination forms are available at the UPSE office. Completed forms **MUST** be accompanied by a short biography of the nominee.

Annual Family Fun Day



The Recreation and Public Relations Committee is pleased to announce this year's Family Fun Day will be held on Sunday, July 26th at the Shining Waters Family Fun Park in Cavendish. Tickets are \$6.00 each. This is a savings of \$42.00 for a family of four! Tickets are not required for children under 36 inches. Tickets are now available from your local Directors and at the UPSE office. **Please remember tickets are intended for use by UPSE members and their immediate family only!** Tickets are non-refundable and are valid only on July 26, 2009. A lunch special will once again be available for UPSE members, if interested you must purchase your tickets for the specials at the main gate. The Fun Park is open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Have a great day!





Employees at P.E.I. Grain Elevators Inc. ratify new two-year agreement

Bargaining representatives, Wade Waddell and Debbie Montgomery assisted by UPSE Labour Relations Officer, Hans Connor were successful in reaching a tentative agreement. The agreement was ratified by 100 percent of voting members. Highlights of the two-year deal include:

- * The addition of a shift premium for all hours worked on night shifts
- * Increased compensation for long-term casuals
- * A wage increase of 2 percent PLUS cash bonuses of \$1000 in each of the two years
- * An extension to the length of harvest season which will expand access to overtime availability



Paul at 2008 Annual Convention with President Ward

Paul Atkinson retires after 35 years of dedicated service

For the past 35 years Paul has served the members of UPSE in his capacity as a Labour Relations Officer. He is well respected by the employers that he has dealt with and has a reputation for being fair and honest.

Thousands of members have benefited from his knowledge and diplomacy over the years. Paul played a large part in the development of many of UPSE's collective agreements, and his efforts ensured that UPSE members were treated fairly at the Negotiating Table.

Paul's co-workers together with President Ward will be hosting a get-together for Paul from 4-6 p.m. on Friday July 3, 2009 at Dooley's on Kent Street in Charlottetown. Members, colleagues, and acquaintances are welcome to drop by and offer their congratulations.

Paul;

We wish you a future filled with health and happiness. May you enjoy quality time with family, 'below par' golf games with friends, invigorating sunrises and beautiful sunsets. We wish you all life's best - you will be missed.

Ray Gallant accepts temporary Labour Relations Officer (LRO) Position

The UPSE Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment and welcome Ray Gallant to a temporary Labour Relations Officer position. Ray was a former Labour Relations Officer with UFCW.

Ray began his term on May 19, 2009. He may be reached at the union office at 892-5335 or toll-free at 1-800-897-8773. Welcome Ray.



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