



THE ACCENT

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Presidential Election 2009 - Candidates

Note: Candidate information is presented in unedited form / as originally received from each candidate.



Greetings Brothers and Sisters of PEI UPSE

For those who do not know me, my name is Shelley Ward and I have been President of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees for the past three years.

*UPSE President,
Shelley Ward*

At this time, I am seeking your support to elect me to a second term as President of

PEIUPSE. It is hard for me to believe that three years has passed since my election to the position of President. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member for the support I received during my tenure. In the last three years, I have visited many work sites and was very fortunate to have had the chance to personally meet and talk with many members.

At the beginning of my turn as President, I had a vision to move our union into the future, stronger and more unified. I believe that I have accomplished this vision with dignity and professionalism. We have made great improvements and have implemented many positive changes which have resulted in making PEIUPSE a stronger union, better able to serve our members needs. Many tasks remain that need to be accomplished in order to ensure UPSE remains on this positive path.

I have had the privilege to work with an excellent staff and unified Board of Directors. I would like to thank all of them for their hard work and dedication that went into achieving the progress we have made to date. I strongly believe that we need to continue in this direction and with your support on Election Day; I know that we can achieve so much more.

Three years ago, I pledged to you that I would be honest, open and represent all our members equally with respect and dignity to the best of my ability. I feel that I have accomplished this. I have put 100% into everything that I have been involved in. I have been available for the members 24/7 - 365 days of the year and have enjoyed each and every day since I have taken office. I know that my husband Mark can attest to my availability to the members and I would be remiss if I did not thank him for the patience and understanding he has shown in the past three years. Representing you, the members is a very rewarding job, one that I take very seriously, because I realize that every day we deal with members' lives and livelihood. We have won many battles in the past three years and as in life there will always be some loses, but at the end of the day I have always fought for our members.

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ELWOOD GOODWIN

PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE U.P.S.E.

Greetings to all U.P.S.E. Members:

As a candidate for President, I would greatly appreciate your support in the up coming election.

BACKGROUND

- Residence - CHARLOTTETOWN
- Occupation - Licensed Welder Dept. Transportation
- 1st VICE PRESIDENT U.P.S.E. 2004/2007
- Member Constitution Committee-98-07
- Executive Officer Pension & Insurance Committee
- Director & Chief Steward Local 12
- Civil Service Bargining Team

Prior to U.P.S.E.

- Executive Officer C.U.P.E. Local 37 City of Calgary 91-93
- Duties – Collective Bargining, Greviance handling, Administration duties & Shop Steward

Former Member of:

United Steelworkers of America
United Food & Commercial Workers Union
International Union of Operating Engineers
International Union of Plumbers and Pipefitters

Charlottetown Fire Dept. 93-07

- President Stn. 2 Firefighters Association 2yrs
- Member Joint Labour/Management Committee

As an active member of U.P.S.E. I believe I have the experience & ability necessary to be an effective President of U.P.S.E. I will ensure that every member will have access to the resources of U.P.S.E to assist them to resolve any workplace issues that relate to our current collective agreements .

Thank You for your time and support !

In Solidarity Elwood Goodwin

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I feel strongly that I possess the knowledge, experience and dedication to do this job. In our future there are major projects which will require consistency at the helm of UPSE to complete. The first term as President is getting to know the players, the roles and the issues. I now have that experience under my belt and would like the opportunity to implement the many things, you the members have requested. Some of these things include: lobbying for the implementation of Pension Legislation, addressing the Recruitment and Retention of Health Care workers, enhancing the casual workforce rights, not only in the collective agreement but also legislatively, raising awareness on the importance of a National Child Care Program, and continuing to raise awareness of the importance of keeping our public services public. These are just a few there are many more. With your continued support, I know that I can lead UPSE to achieve these goals.

UPSE needs an experienced, proven, strong, and progressive leader with a vision for our future; therefore I ask for your support for re-election to the position of President of PEI Union of Public Sector Employees.

On September 10, 2009, reelect Shelley Ward for UPSE President. Together we can make a difference.

In Solidarity,
Shelley Ward
PEI UPSE President

Exercise your right to vote

- All members in good standing will receive a ballot in the mail at their home address, provided they have a signed membership card on file at the UPSE office.
- No ballots will be mailed to any work addresses.
- If you have not been receiving correspondence from UPSE, please call Tammy Laybolt (Membership Record Coordinator) at 892-5335 or 1-800-897-8773 to ensure your mailing information is up-to-date.

Election Process

- Mail- out and Mail- in ballot (no drop off boxes).
- Ballots to be mailed out on or before August 13 and must be received back by September 10, 2009.
- If your contact information has changed please contact UPSE (info above).
- Members who have not received a ballot by August 24, 2009 can call the UPSE office to have a duplicate ballot mailed to their home address.
- No duplicate ballots will be issued before August 24, 2009.



LPN, Debbie Bovyer

Greetings Sisters and Brothers

I, Debbie Bovyer, am offering for the position of President of UPSE. I live in Stratford with my husband, Steve, and our two children Miranda and Colby. I have been working as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the past twenty two years at the Prince Edward Home.

I have been active in UPSE for most of my twenty-two year career. I bring to this position, if elected, five years experience on the executive. I was a former second vice president for two years and for three years I served as your secretary treasurer. I have experience in many of the committee areas of UPSE; I represented UPSE on the Federation of Labour Board.

I have attended many of UPSE Educational along with some of the CLC's and National Union's educational and conferences, along with the National Unions Advanced Leadership Course. I have attended UPSE Convention for many years.

Within in my own Local I am Stewart. Have held the positions of Chief Stewart and Director; I have sat on the Labour Management Committee and currently serve as an alternate on the OH&S work site committee.

I am ready to serve again; I do have the experience to serve again, so I am asking you for your support and I will work hard on behalf of you the members, the most important element of this. I look forward to meeting with each of you during local tours.

Thank You in Advanced

Debbie Bovyer

Member in good standing

- A member in good standing is any person who is employed by an employer that qualifies under Article 4.1(b) of the Constitution and who pays membership dues to the union except for any members excluded from paying dues under any current collective agreement of the union.
- An applicant for membership in the union may be deemed to be a member in good standing on the date on which his or her application card is received by UPSE's Membership Record Coordinator and accepted by the Secretary Treasurer or authorized designate.

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