



THE ACCENT

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UPSE President re-elected



President Ward

Shelley Ward has been elected to a second term as President of the Union of Public Sector Employees (UPSE). There were 4700 ballots mailed out to union members in good standing. Of the 1876 votes that were returned, President Ward received 1099, Debbie Bovyer received 511, and Elwood Goodwin received 242. The results give President Ward the mandate with 59% of the votes cast and a new three year term as President.

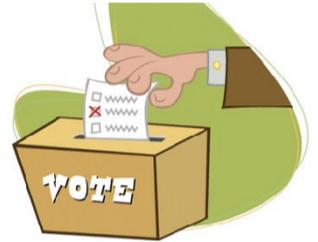
“I am grateful for the show of support from the membership in this election and I thank everyone who participated. We have achieved much over the past three years and will continue to work together to build a stronger union and improve the lives of workers in both the public and private sectors in Prince Edward Island.”

UPSE will focus its energy towards initiatives that include lobbying the province for the introduction of pension legislation, continuing to address the recruitment and retention of health care workers, enhancing casual workforce rights, and raising awareness about the critical need for an effective employment insurance program.

Election results - locals 5 and 15

The results are in and local 5 and 15 members have elected Steve Mollins and Simon Hashie (local 5), and Fred MacLeod (local 15), to represent them on the board of directors for the next two years.

Special thanks go out to Nancy Keough-Baglolo, Rick MacLean, Joyce MacLean, and Garnett Sanderson for their dedication in serving UPSE members during their term of office. Congratulations to the directors and to all who participated in the election. An active membership is key to our continuing success.



Mismanagement of EI Program

The same program that generated more than \$50 billion in surplus revenue for the federal government - spent on corporate tax cuts when times were good - provides benefits to less than half of unemployed Canadians. To make things worse, due to the mismanagement of the EI Program, government is likely to increase premiums by the maximum allowable rate every year for the next five years to deal with the deficit caused by their own mismanagement of the program and increasing unemployment rates.

Call for names: Apprenticeship Program Committee

UPSE is calling for names of members from Transportation and Public Works who are interested in sitting on the Apprenticeship Program Committee. UPSE requires two individuals for the committee and will select members from different work areas, and if possible different trades. The committee is responsible for assisting in addressing problems which may arise out of the delivery of the Apprenticeship Program itself. Please submit names by contacting UPSE at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773 (1-800-897-UPSE) or email peiupse@peiupse.ca.



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please post or distribute this Accent as soon as possible.

UPSE is proud to represent over 5000 members in both the public and private sectors.



Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service



On Sunday, September 27, 2009 UPSE members will march along side other peace officers from around the world to commemorate officers who have fallen in the line of duty. This is the twelfth year that UPSE and the Community and Correctional Services division has co-sponsored attendance to the Police and Peace Officers Memorial Service in Ottawa. Members will also attend a preceding conference hosted by the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE).

UPSE members attending the Police and Peace Officers Memorial

Shelley Yeo - Correctional Officer	Linda Clarke - Correctional Officer	Don Reid - Youth Worker
Debbie MacPhee - Correctional Officer	Aaron Weatherbie - Correctional Officer	Jodi Harper - Driver Improvement Officer
Trent Parsons - Correctional Officer	David Caseley - Correctional Officer	
	Glen Poirier - Correctional Officer	

P.E.I. Federation of Labour - Convention- November 6 and 7

The upcoming 45th Annual Convention of the P.E.I. Federation of Labour will be held on Friday, November 6, and Saturday, November 7, 2009 at the Loyalist Lakeview Resort in Summerside, P.E.I. If you are an UPSE member in good standing and are interested in attending the Convention, please call Mary MacLean at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773 (1-800-897-UPSE), or email peiupse@peiupse.ca by October 16, 2009. The Convention provides a great way to learn about and get involved with labour issues. As a delegate, you will be able to vote on resolutions, listen to speakers, and elect members to fill vacancies on the Federation's executive.



P.E.I. Federation of Labour Educational

The Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) and the P.E.I. Federation of Labour are offering an educational in Summerside on Thursday, October 15, 2009 from 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. (lunch provided). Courses include:

*Labour History, Steward Training Level II:
Representation Skills and Tools*

Women's Economic Equality: Women Speaking Out

Contact Mary MacLean by September 29, 2009 to register.
Phone: 902-892-5335 or call toll free at 1-800-897-8773.
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The UPSE Public Relations and Recreation/Convention Committee has two (2) season passes for the P.E.I. Rocket regular season. Members are eligible to enter UPSE draws throughout the game season and the lucky winners will receive two (2) tickets to an upcoming home game. Draws will take place at least a week in advance of each home game or group of home games.



Please email your name and contact information with "P.E.I. Rocket Tickets" in the subject line to: peiupse@peiupse.ca or call us at (902) 892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773 (1-800-897-UPSE). UPSE will contact the lucky winners and hold the tickets at the UPSE office for pick up.