

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Get Involved in the Union - Win a Trip!

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is the largest union in Prince Edward Island with over 5000 members in both the public and private sectors. Union members work together to create greater workplace democracy, economic security, and to ensure fair treatment at work. In other words, it's the members of the union who are the union! The membership works together everyday to ensure that we have a voice at work and an avenue to equality.



PEI UPSE's active membership is always interested in getting more members involved. In 2011 the union is offering a special incentive that could send you and person of your choice on an all inclusive trip to a sunny destination in 2012. For the first local meeting you attend in 2011 you will earn one chance to win, and each time you bring another member to a local meeting in 2011 you and the member you bring will earn a chance to win. Please contact your shop Steward or Director to find out when your next applicable local meeting is, or call the union for more information at 892-5335. The contest draw will take place at PEI UPSE's 50th Annual Convention in 2011 and the winner will be announced - so do yourself or a co-worker a favour and get involved!

Note: Local Directors are obligated to hold at least four local meetings per year as outlined in the Constitution:

- 1. A meeting to elect voting delegates and allow local members to present proposed convention resolutions for the consideration of, and possible adoption by, the local;*
- 2. A meeting to review the material going before an annual or special convention and to allow local members to give direction to their delegates;*

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3. A meeting to review the results of the annual or special convention and to allow delegates to present a joint report as outlined in Article 13.3.8; and

4. The local's annual general membership meeting.

Besides the four required local meetings, you can encourage your Director to hold additional local meetings as there is no limit in this regard. That increases your chances to win the trip if you are able to bring in additional members to their first local meeting. Remember, you earn an extra chance to win every time you bring in a member to their first local meeting in 2011, and they earn a chance by attending their first local meeting.

Local Directors will ensure that contest participants are recorded in the minutes of local meetings and copies of the minutes of all local meetings shall be filed with the secretary-treasurer of the union within thirty (30) days of the date on which the meeting is held as outlined in article 11.5.4 of the Constitution. To be eligible to win members must be in good standing, however, you do not have to be present at the 2011 Annual Convention for the draw. Good luck members!

Call for Committee Rep: Advisory Council on Women's Issues

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is issuing a call for a committee representative to sit on the National Advisory Council on Women's Issues (ACWI). If interested in this wonderful opportunity, please submit a five-hundred word essay outlining what in your mind constitutes the most challenging issues working women are facing in 2011. The deadline for submission is February 18, 2011 (4:00 p.m.) at the PEI UPSE Office located at 4 Enman Crescent, Charlottetown, P.E.I., C1E 1E6.

The ACWI generally meets twice a year. The meetings are typically one and one-half to two days in length and are held in Ottawa. The ACWI meets to exchange information and share ideas on issues of importance to working women. It works to develop strategies to encourage women's participation at all levels in their union, community and within provincial and federal politics. It also liaises with national and international groups that share common interests. A major project the committee is working on currently is a life/work balance initiative which has received broad support from our members as well as the broader community. ACWI members are asked to submit a written report to each meeting regarding the activities of their Component. Reports generally highlight activities and events within the Component that would be of interest to the ACWI, including a brief update of any significant bargaining issues and an update of the activities of the Component's Women's Committee.

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