

# THE Accent

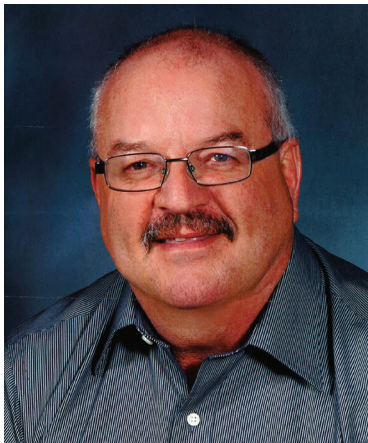
Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## Presidential Election, 2012

The upcoming election will be administered by a mail out/mail in ballot process. Ballots will be mailed to all PEI UPSE members in good standing on August 1, 2012. Members are required to mail back their ballots by 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2012. To ensure that you receive a ballot, please ensure your current contact information is up-to-date with the union (**call 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773**).

The union received two nominations for the position of President by the nomination deadline on July 10, 2012. Terry Gauthier and Debbie Bovyer are the candidates. **Terry Gauthier is PEI UPSE's Third Vice-President and a Tree Improvement Supervisor in the Civil Service; Debbie Bovyer is a Licensed Practical Nurse with Health PEI at Prince Edward Home.**

### Terry Gauthier offers for President



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### Debbie Bovyer offers for President



Debbie Bovyer is an LPN with Health PEI at Prince Edward Home.

#### Terry Gauthier - Biography of Union Experience

##### **1980 -1989:**

- Member of Staff Relations Committee (1983-84)
- Public Service Association representative at the Alberta Public Union convention (1986)

#### Greetings Sisters and Brothers

My name is Debbie Bovyer and I am offering for the position of President of PEIUPSE. I live in Stratford with my husband, Steven, and our two children Miranda and Colby.

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The Accent is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, PEI UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at [mbarrett@peiupse.ca](mailto:mbarrett@peiupse.ca).

#### Note to members distributing The Accent:

Because the material contained in this publication is often of a time-sensitive nature, please post or distribute it as soon as possible.

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

**1990 - 1999:**

- Member of Pay Equity Study for PEI public servants (1990)
- Member of Public Employee Classification Study team (1991-1992)
- Active participant in the protest of the 7.5% wage roll back (1995)

**2000 – 2010:**

- Technical category representative at the negotiations table (circa 2000)
- Federation of Labour meeting (2002)
- Representative at National Forest Fire Fighter Protection Working Group (Ottawa, 2009)
- Classifications Appeals Board (2010 – 2011)
- “Retirement Security for Everyone” meeting (Charlottetown, 2010)
- National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) triennial convention (2010)
- “All Together Now” campaign as a champion for change (Ottawa, 2010)
- Presentations to various union groups for the “All Together Now” campaign (2010 – ongoing)

**2011- Present:**

- Two days of action for UPSE Mental Health Awareness campaign (2011)
- Labour school (Antigonish, June, 2011)
- Representative at national “All Together Now” campaign meeting in Halifax, (June, 2011)
- Education Programs Training Course (October, 2011)
- Third Vice President (November, 2011 – Present)
- Representative at National Forest Fire Fighter Protection Working Group (February 2012)

I have been working as a Licensed Practical Nurse for the past twenty-five years at the Prince Edward Home in Charlottetown.

I have been an active member in PEIUPSE for most of my twenty-five year career. My involvement has included five years as an Executive Officer having served on the Executive Committee as Second Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. I have represented my local as Chief Steward and Director and have been on the Labour-Management Committee and an alternate on the OHS Work Site Committee at my workplace. I have represented PEIUPSE at National conferences as well as representing PEIUPSE on the PEI Federation of Labour Board of Directors.

I have attended many courses offered by PEIUPSE, Canadian Labour Congress and the National Union of Public General Employees National Union Advanced Leadership Course. I have represented my local at PEIUPSE Conventions for many years.

In these tough financial times, PEIUPSE requires strong leadership and a need to keep members informed. Through my union experience and knowledge, I commit to represent the interest of you, the members. In difficult times like we are facing today, our employer is desperate and desperate people do desperate things. Take the ongoing campaign “Say Good-Bye to PEI” for example. We see government cutting public service, discontinuing operations, PEIUPSE membership under attack through lost jobs, privatization of liquor outlets and struggles with pensions. HST is around the corner and our disposable income will certainly feel the pinch.

With these actions, strong leadership and the ability to stand up for you, the membership is required. It is great when there is mutual respect but respect has not been shown to you the membership, thus strong action is required. I do have the experience to serve you, so I am seeking your support and I will work hard on behalf of all PEIUPSE members. The Presidential Campaign is short and communications are restricted but I will endeavour to contact as many of you as possible at local meetings and canvassing workplaces and communities.

Thanking You in Advance and in Solidarity

Debbie Bovyer