



# THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## Call for Nominations: Interim, First Vice President

The Union of Public Sector Employees is calling for nominations for an interim, First Vice President. All nominations for the position should be submitted to the UPSE office by 4 p.m. on August 19, 2013.

UPSE's Board of Directors will consider nominations and appoint an interim First Vice President by majority vote at the next board meeting. The member in good standing appointed to the position will fill the vacancy until the next annual convention when an election will be held for First Vice President.

*Get Involved -  
it's Your Union!*

UPSE First Vice President, John Searle, resigned as of June 27, 2013 after serving six years in the position. UPSE's Board and members thank Brother Searle for his hard work, dedication and contribution to UPSE.

## Labour Rights Under Attack

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**Restrictive Labour Laws**

In the past three decades Canadians have seen a serious erosion of a fundamental and universal human right, their right to organize into a union and engage in full and free collective bargaining. Federal and provincial governments have passed numerous labour laws since 1982 that have restricted, suspended or denied collective bargaining rights for Canadian workers.

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**ILO Complaints**

Since 1982, Canada's record with respect to the number of complaints submitted to the International Labour Law's (ILO) Freedom of Association Committee is one of the worst of all of the ILO's 183 member States with unions in Canada filing more complaints than the national labour movements of any other country (*Canadian Foundation for Labour Rights: labourrights.ca*).

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).

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

# UPSE Annual Golf Tournament

UPSE's annual golf tournament will be held this year at Brudenell Golf Course on September 21st, 2013. The cost per player is \$45 (2 carts included) and teams of four are required. The tee times are from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Prizes and food will be provided at the completion of the tournament. The Registration Deadline is September 5, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. To register your team contact the UPSE office at 892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773. The first ten teams to register and pay will be accepted.



## Education Opportunity: Steward Level III

### CLC and PEI FEDERATION OF LABOUR - Steward Level III

The Steward as Leader - highlights the basic leadership role of stewards in the local union and the responsibilities that this role entails in the face of a changing union. The theme of this course is how to effectively build a union that is fair and inclusive for all members, what kind of commitments and strategies are required from the steward, the executive of the local and the union itself. Responsibilities such as human rights and the duty of fair representation will be highlighted. As per PEI UPSE Policy participants must have completed the Welcome to UPSE course, Steward Level I, and must be an elected Steward of their local.

Course: **Steward Level III**  
 Date: **September 30, 2013**  
 Time: **9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
 Location: **UPSE**

Please contact the UPSE office to **register by Friday, September 20** at **902-892-5335** or toll free at **1-800-897-8773**. You can also use the application form on the UPSE website at [www.peiupse.ca](http://www.peiupse.ca).

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