

# THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

## UPSE Appoints Interim First Vice President

The union issued a call for nominations for an Interim First Vice President on July 22, 2013. At UPSE's August 19 board meeting the Board of Directors considered the nominations and appointed Doug Ferguson by majority vote, as the union's Interim First Vice President. Doug is currently a Steward (local 7), has served on the Executive as 3rd Vice President, and is an active member of UPSE. He will serve as the Interim First Vice President until the Annual Convention in November 2013 when an election will be held for the position.



*Doug Ferguson, UPSE's  
Interim First Vice President*

## Union issues call for nominations for Member of the Year!

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the Year!**

The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is calling for nominations for the Member of the Year award! This award recognizes outstanding PEI UPSE members who have contributed to the union through activism and consistent participation in union meetings and committees. The award also recognizes those members who are passionate about the labour movement in Prince Edward Island.

**Nomination forms** are available at the union office at 4 Enman Crescent in Charlottetown or visit the PEI UPSE website at [www.peiupse.ca](http://www.peiupse.ca) to print a copy. Nominees must be members in good standing and must be nominated by a member in good standing. Nomination forms must include a written statement supporting the nominee, i.e., outlining the members accomplishments / activism / education and participation within the union. All nominations must be received at the union office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2013.

***PEI UPSE's Member of the Year will be announced at the union's upcoming Annual Convention!***

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.*

## Welcome to UPSE Educational - September 13, 2013

The *Welcome to UPSE* course will run on **September 13** from **9:00 - 4:00 p.m.** at the union office in Charlottetown (4 Enman Crescent). The course will help you to:

- learn more about your union
- learn about UPSE's history and evolution in PEI
- learn about the union's structure, how it works
- learn about the tools you need to carry out your role within the union effectively



Please register online at ([www.peiupse.ca](http://www.peiupse.ca)) under "events" or contact the union office to register at 902-892-5335, toll free 1-800-897-8773, or email [peiupse@peiupse.ca](mailto:peiupse@peiupse.ca) by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 6, 2013.

## Observers at UPSE's Annual Convention

The union's Annual Convention will take place on November 15 and 16, 2013. As per union policy, observers are welcome to attend provided they are members in good standing, have registered by 4:00 p.m. on November 1, 2013 and that seating is available. To register please contact the UPSE office at **902-892-5335**, toll free **1-800-897-8773**, or email [peiupse@peiupse.ca](mailto:peiupse@peiupse.ca)

## Sign Up For Workshops - Save Health Care

The federal government wants to privatize and dismantle the public health care system. They have promised to cut health care funding through federal health transfers beginning in 2017. CUPE, together with the Council of Canadians are looking for allies to join them in fighting back against these cuts. CUPE invites UPSE members to participate in upcoming workshops about the federal threat to health care and a strategy to protect, strengthen and expand medicare for ourselves and our children.

The workshops will discuss the reasons why we need a new federal-provincial agreement for health care. Participants will also gain skills on how to talk to the community about the loss of health care services. Workshops are being held on September 10, 11, 12 and 13th at select locations including Charlottetown, Souris, Montague, Summerside, Alberton, O'Leary, Tyne Valley, Wellington, and Summerside.

For questions, or to register for a workshop, please contact [2014pei@gmail.com](mailto:2014pei@gmail.com), or call the CUPE office at **902-566-4006**.