

THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Union issues call for nominations for Member of the Year!

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The PEI Union of Public Sector Employees is calling for nominations for the Member of the Year award! This award recognizes outstanding 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 UPSE website at 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, November 7, 2014.

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

Election results for Directors in even numbered locals

Elections were held in Locals 6 and 16. In Local 6, which now has two Directors, **Jim Ryan** and **Melanie Cahill Gallant** were elected. In Local 16, **Doris MacKinnon** was elected. UPSE congratulates all of its members who participated in the election for their continued involvement in the union and for participating in the democratic process. Directors elected by acclamation include: Paula Matheson (Local 2), Carolyn Knox (Local 8), Dina DesRoches (Local 10), Leo Dowling and Donalda Docherty (Local 12), Mark Arsenault (Local 14), and Wilma Ramsay (Local 18).

Call for UPSE Members to attend International Conference on New Forms of Privatization

UPSE is calling for five members to attend the upcoming International Conference on New Forms of Privatization co-sponsored by the National Union and the Public Services Foundation of Canada. The conference will take place **October 28-30, 2014** in the Adam Room of the Chateau Laurier Hotel in Ottawa. It will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 28 with registration followed by an evening plenary session. The conference will adjourn at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 30.

Conference Overview

New forms of privatization mean no public service is safe from privatization. But while the effect on public services - and corporate profits - is the same as older forms of privatization, they look very different. Often the word privatization isn't even used. The conference will provide information on what new forms of privatization look like and who is using them. And it will give us the tools to fight back.



Conference Speakers

Speakers will include Canadian and international experts on privatization and how to fight it. The speakers range from those who are internationally recognized for their work protecting public services to those who are pioneering cutting edge strategies and tactics in the fight against privatization.

To express interest please contact the union office by October 2, 2014 at 902-892-5335, or toll free 1-800-897-8773, or email: peiupse@peiupse.ca

UPSE Members: Voting Delegates Course

It's almost that time of year again – Convention! There will be a Voting Delegates course held on **November 28, 2014** from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the UPSE office. This course is open to members who have not taken the course previously, or who have not been a delegate in recent years and wish a refresher.



To register, please contact Mary MacLean by November 21, 2014 at 902-892-5335, toll free at 1-800-897-8773, or email peiupse@peiupse.ca.

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