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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for Vacant Director Positions: Locals 6 and 9

PEI UPSE's Membership Services Committee has issued a call for nominations for vacant Board of Director positions in locals 6 and 9. Nomination forms are available for print on the union's website *(www.peiupse.ca)* or call PEI UPSE at 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773. To be eligible for nomination as a Director a member must:

- *be in good standing for at least the previous twelve months* ***(1 yr.)***
- *be nominated by a member in good standing of the applicable local*
- *have completed the Welcome to UPSE or equivalent course*

All nominations must be received at the union office by 4:00 p.m. on February 28, 2014. Union policy outlines that a biography must be included with the nomination form (mandatory).

Bernie LeFort, a long time UPSE activist and Director of Local 9 retires after working as a Licensed Practical Nurse for forty years. Bernie served as Director of Local 9 for twenty years and also served the union as a Steward and Chief Steward.

Bernie LeFort retires after serving Islanders as an LPN at McGill Centre.

His dedication to the union is well known. Bernie hasn't missed an annual convention in twenty-five years. His immediate plans are to spend time with his family and work on his passion for long distance running.

Congratulations Bernie!

Lynn Bovyer, a long time UPSE activist and Director of Local 6 is moving to Local 9 through a job relocation. Lynn has stepped down as Director of Local 6 but remains an active unionist.

Lynn Bovyer is a Licensed Practical Nurse working in palliative care at Prince Edward Home.

She served as Director of Local 6 since 2008 and has also served as Steward, Chief Steward, and Assistant Director. She faithfully attends convention each year and has been involved in numerous committees and campaigns including the *ATN Campaign for Tax Fairness and Public Services.*

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Call for members: CLC Convention

Congrès du travail du Canada
Canadian Labour Congress

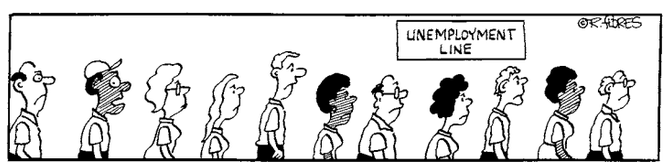
The union is issuing a call for members to submit names for the upcoming CLC Convetion. The convention will take place on May 5, 2014. Any members wishing to submit their name must include: a history of their union involvement, courses attended, and the number of times you have attended the CLC Convention in the past (include dates).

The deadline to submit names is February 28, 2014. UPSE's Membership Services and Communications Committee will review the applications during the first week of March 2014 to determine who will be attending.

For more information call 902-892-5335 or toll free 1-800-897-8773, Fax: 902-569-8186, Email: peiupse@peiupse.ca

UPSE Provides Input to the Council of Atlantic Premiers' Panel on Impacts of Changes to EI

UPSE recently submitted its views to the ***Council of Atlantic Premiers' Panel on the Impacts of Changes to EI.*** The union has a role to advocate for seasonal workers as a significant number of UPSE's members are, or formerly were, seasonal employees. UPSE believes that the EI system belongs to the employers and employees paying into it. While government is responsible for managing EI funds, this money should never be used for anything other than to pay EI benefits. UPSE is steadfast in its belief that given the undeniably seasonal nature of the Atlantic economy, the EI program must continue to support the seasonal worker with sufficient income through the off-season.



UPSE Computer Giveaway!

- The union is in possession of some surplus computers and would like to give you a chance to get one!
- If you don't have a computer, or have a need for one, submit your name to the union office.
- UPSE will create a list as part of an ongoing computer giveaway.
- Computers will be distributed as they become available to members.
- Call 902-892-5335 or toll free 1-800-897-8773.

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