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Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Convention Call: PEI Federation of Labour

The PEI Federation of Labour is hosting its 54th Annual Convention on Friday (evening) **October 26 and Saturday, October 27, 2018** at the Rodd Charlottetown Hotel, 75 Kent Street, Charlottetown.

UPSE is entitled to send 44 members. Mileage and meals will be paid. Hotel rooms will be provided to those who reside over 40 km away from Charlottetown. Please advise the UPSE office if you require a hotel room.



Please contact the UPSE office by October 4, 2018 to express interest in attending the Federation of Labour's Annual Convention. Call 902-892-5335 or toll free 1-800-897-8773, or e-mail peiupse@peiupse.ca.

Call for Members: Weeklong Labour School 2018

The Labour School will run from October 14-19, 2018 and will be held at the **NSGEU** office in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. Interested members in good standing may print an application via the link on the UPSE website and submit the application to the UPSE office by **September 28, 2018**. If you are interested in more than one course please rank them in order of preference. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. UPSE travel and wage repayment policies will be in effect. Successful applicants will be expected to carpool.

Course Descriptions & Eligibility

Leadership: this course develops the skills necessary for today's leaders in the labour movement. It reviews labour issues and works on strategic planning, team building, self assessment, decision making and critical analysis (*this course is open to those who are already in a leadership position within the union. To be eligible you cannot have previously attended this course*).

Communications - Public Speaking: this course will help activists and leaders improve their public speaking and writing skills. You will be expected to research and write appropriate speeches and letters, make presentations, and speak on camera during this course (*this course is open to those who have demonstrated an interest in communications within the local or the union. Preference will be given to those with a track record of involvement in union activity, and/or who currently hold union leadership positions*).

Advanced Steward: this course will develop the knowledge and skills of Stewards and includes role playing to build your confidence. The course covers key issues and develops techniques for investigating grievances, meeting with management and more (*this course is open to stewards who have*

completed Steward level II. Preference will be given to Chief Stewards and those with a track record of recent activity as a steward / involvement in the union. To be eligible you cannot have previously attended this course).

Talking Mobilizing Among Generations: the purpose of this course is to increase your awareness of the needs and realities of the members of different generations in the union and workplace. This course will build your level of comfort and skill to engage in meaningful cross-generational dialogue, in order to make and ensure our workplaces are safe and healthy for all (this course is open to those who have demonstrated some interest or aptitude for membership mobilizing, political action, public speaking or organizing within the union or the Local. Preference will be given to those with a track record of involvement in union activity).

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Results of Even Numbered Local Director Elections

Congratulations to all our members who put their names forward in the recent election for Directors in even numbered locals. Trevor MacKinnon was the successful candidate in local 14 and all other Directors in even numbered locals remain the same with the exception of the following changes: Shirly MacDonald (local 6) and Craig Abbot (local 18) will serve as *Acting Directors* in their respective locals until they are officially sworn in at the first board meeting after convention; and Doris MacKinnon, who did not reoffer, will serve as Director in local 16 until Lyn Higginbotham is officially sworn in.

I want to thank all our members for participating in the democratic process. I look forward to working with the Board of Directors as we continue to meet the challenges and opportunities ahead for the membership.

Karen Jackson,
President UPSE



Unions make a difference in our lives ...

Unions fought for many of the benefits all workers enjoy today:

Sick leave, maternity and paternity leave, vacation, minimum wage, paid breaks, overtime, workplace safety standards and regulations, collective bargaining rights, and much, much more.

Do you know of a group of non-unionized workers who might be interested in joining the PEI UPSE?

Please contact Melissa Bruce, UPSE Resource and Organizing Officer, at 902-892-5335, toll free 1-800-897-8773 or e-mail mbruce@peiupse.ca



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