

December 18, 2015

TO: All Locals & District Councils Affiliated to CUPE BC

Greetings:

Enclosed is the Call to the 53rd Annual Convention of CUPE BC. This year the Convention will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street, Victoria, commencing at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 27, 2016, and continuing through until 4:00 pm on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

In order to have delegates seated at this Convention, per capita must be paid to January 30, 2016. This per capita must be paid prior to April 27, 2016 (as per the constitution).

Delegate Selection

As you are aware, recent CUPE Conventions have seen excellent debates on the need to involve more young workers in our union activities. In 1999, we established two Diversity Vice-President positions, which are selected through caucuses of Workers of Colour and Aboriginal Workers.

We are asking that all locals, and especially those with five or more delegates consider assigning one credential to a young worker (30 or under) and one credential to an Aboriginal Worker or a Worker of Colour.

Convention Committees

At this time CUPE BC would like to request that you forward names for consideration for the following CUPE BC Convention Committees.

- 1) Credentials
- 2) Resolutions
- 3) Sergeant-At-Arms

Please note that all committee members must be delegates to convention.

Pension Forum/New Delegates Orientation

Wednesday, April 27, 2016, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm there will be a **Pension Forum** and at 5:00 pm there will be a **New Delegates Orientation**.

Accommodations

CUPE BC through WE Travel has secured a block of rooms at the Empress and surrounding hotels in Victoria for your delegates. By the time you receive this package the website to book accommodation should be live and operational - www.wetravel.net. Please see the website for current rates. Note: hotels are 100% non-smoking.

Childcare

While CUPE BC does not provide childcare at convention there are options available through our host hotels. Please contact our office and we can provide you with further information as needed.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Credentials for your delegates
(as per Constitution)

Accommodations Registration Form

Application for Subsidy (if applicable)

Delegate Request Form for Accessibility Assistance

Resolutions Guide

In closing, I am pleased to announce that CUPE BC will be launching a Convention App this year and welcome your feedback on it post convention.

In solidarity,



Trevor Davies
Secretary-Treasurer

TD/LW



cc: Staff, National Officers
Enclosures

Note: The deadline for returning **credentials** is **March 13, 2016**.

If credentials were not included with your package it is because your per capita has not been paid up to November 30, 2015. When your per capita is received, credentials will be forwarded.