

December 15, 2011

TO: All Locals & District Councils Affiliated to CUPE BC

Greetings:

Enclosed is the Call to the 49th Annual Convention of CUPE BC. This year the Convention will be held at the Victoria Conference Centre, 720 Douglas Street, Victoria, commencing at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012, and continuing through until 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 28, 2012.

In order to have delegates seated at this Convention, per capita must be paid to December 31, 2011. This per capita must be paid prior to March 31, 2012 (as per the constitution).

CONVENTION DELEGATE SUBSIDY

Article 4.7 of the CUPE BC Constitution states as follows:

- 4.7 CUPE BC shall reimburse small locals attending a CUPE BC Convention, the cost to the Local in paying lost wages, hotel and transportation as follows:
- (i) Locals with one hundred (100) or fewer members, fifty percent (50%) of the cost of two (2) delegates or one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of one (1) delegate;
 - (ii) Locals with between one hundred and one (101) and one hundred and twenty-five (125) members, twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of two (2) delegates or fifty percent (50%) of the cost of one (1) delegate;
 - (iii) Locals with between one hundred and twenty-six (126) and one hundred and fifty (150) members, twelve and one half percent (12.5%) of the cost of two (2) delegates or twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of one (1) delegate;

Provided that:

- a) Locals applying are otherwise unable to send two (2) delegates;
- b) Locals applying for such reimbursement shall have a dues structure of no less than one and one half percent (1.5%);
- c) Locals applying for such reimbursement shall submit their request to the CUPE BC Secretary-Treasurer at least forty-five (45) days prior to the

- d) commencement date of the CUPE BC Convention for which they wish to receive the above noted reimbursement
- e) Final approval of any reimbursement shall be subject to a two thirds (2/3) vote of the CUPE BC Executive Board.”

Locals wishing to apply for reimbursement under this article should make **application at the time of registering their delegates.** (If your Local is eligible, a subsidy form is attached).

NEW DELEGATES ORIENTATION

At 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, 2012, there will be a **New Delegates Orientation.**

RESOLUTIONS DEADLINE

Resolutions to be submitted to Convention must be approved by the Local Union Membership at a regular meeting or a meeting especially called for that purpose. Resolutions must be dated and signed by the **President** and **Secretary** of the affiliate submitting the resolutions. Each resolution must be on a separate sheet of paper.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING RESOLUTIONS IS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2012**

Note: We will NOT be accepting resolutions via email.

CONVENTION COMMITTEES

At this time CUPE BC would like to request that you forward names for consideration for the following CUPE BC Convention Committees **via fax to 604-291-9043.**

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

Please note that all committee members must be delegates to convention. The deadline for returning **credentials** is **Monday, March 12, 2012.**

If credentials were not included with your package it is because your per capita has not been paid for the month of November 2011. When your per capita is received, credentials will be forwarded.

Also Enclosed:

Credentials for your delegates
(as per Constitution)

Accommodations Registration Form

Application for Special Subsidy
(if applicable)

Child Care Request Form

Delegate Request Form For Accessibility Assistance

Resolutions Guide

In solidarity,

Mark Hancock
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: Staff, National Officers
Enclosures

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