



## 2010 MEMBERSHIP FORUM

# Getting Our Act Together: New ideas and new approaches for building a union future

**When:** Friday evening, April 23, 2010 (registration at 6:00 p.m.); session - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with icebreaker to follow

Saturday, April 24, 2010, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
(registration at 8:00 a.m.)

**Where:** SAIT Polytechnic, 1301 – 16 Avenue NW, Calgary  
*MacDonald Hall*

**Speakers:** To be announced

**Registration Fee:** \$175 - *Deadline for registration is April 16, 2010*

**Hotel:** Fairmont Palliser Hotel, 133 – 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue SW, Calgary  
403-260-1230 or global reservations centre at 1-800-231-0644

**BOOK BEFORE April 2, 2010 to get AFL rate of \$119. Advise the hotel at the time of booking that you are with the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL Mid-Term or Reservations ID #AFLM0410).**



The end of the recession may be in sight – but storm clouds are still gathering on the horizon for workers and unions. Here in Alberta, we're facing the prospect of yet another round of deep cuts and privatization in the public sector. At the same time, the emergence of the Wildrose Alliance Party poses serious threats to many of the things we believe in and have fought for – everything from public health care and public education to workplace safety regulations and balanced labour laws.

At the national level, groups like the Canadian Federation of Independent Business are fueling an ill-advised and mean-spirited backlash against public pensions. At the same time, the percentage of workers who belong to unions continues to decline as a result of the recession and “off-shoring” of jobs in manufacturing and a growing number of other sectors. In many parts of the country it’s not an exaggeration to say that the middle-class lifestyle that unions helped establish is slipping away. To top things off, the labour movement’s once significant political clout is in decline in most provinces and at the federal level.

Despite all of this bad news, the Canadian labour movement is still a force to be reckoned with. We have millions of members, tens of thousands of activists and thousands of skilled organizers, negotiators, researchers, communicators, strategists and other staff. But are we up to the challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Do we fully understand those challenges – and do we have the tools, the organization and the vision needed to deal with them?

At this year’s Alberta Federation of Labour Membership Forum we will address these questions and discuss how we can “Get Our Act Together” to more effectively protect the interests of working people in an increasingly hostile economic and political environment.



- ✓ Learn about the Wildrose Alliance Party – and what a WAP government could mean for working people, their families and their communities.
- ✓ Learn about efforts underway to restructure the Canadian labour movement – and share your own ideas about what we could do to make the movement stronger and more effective.
- ✓ Learn about the latest coalition efforts that are being made to protect health care, education and other public services here in Alberta – and find out how you can get involved!

The AFL’s membership forum is your opportunity to stay on top of what’s happening on Alberta’s labour scene. Listen, learn and share your concerns and your ideas. Renew old friendships or make new ones. The forum is an opportunity to make the Federation your Federation.

# REGISTRATION FORM

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Province: \_\_\_\_\_ PCode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers:

Home \_\_\_\_\_ Wk \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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Return this portion of the registration form with your remittance fee of \$175 no later than April 16, 2010 to the Alberta Federation of Labour, 10654 – 101 Street, Edmonton, AB T5H 2S1

## GENERAL INFORMATION

In non-convention years, the Alberta Federation of Labour is mandated to hold a Membership Forum. The purpose of the Membership Forum is threefold:

1. To provide an opportunity for union leaders and activists to be updated on the activities of the Federation since the previous year's Convention and to discuss priorities and actions planned for the upcoming year.
2. To engage unionists in an informal, educational setting where they can discuss issues affecting the labour movement.
3. To encourage broad solidarity by providing union activists with an opportunity to talk with their counterparts from other unions.

### Location

The 2010 Membership Forum is being held at SAIT Polytechnic, MacDonald Room, 1301 – 16 Avenue NW, Calgary, AB T2M 0L4

### Registration Fee

**\$175 per delegate** – includes one luncheon, refreshment breaks, social and conference kit.

**Registration Deadline: April 16, 2010**

### Payment

Make cheques payable to the Alberta Federation of Labour and designate "Membership Forum 2010" on your cheque.

### Hotel Accommodations & Deadline

Contact Reservations at the **Fairmont Palliser Hotel** in Calgary at 403-260-1230, toll free at 1-800-231-0644, fax at 403-260-1260. The AFL conference room rate is \$119 (plus taxes) a night for single or double accommodation; \$179 (plus taxes) for junior suite; \$199 for one-bedroom suite (plus taxes); \$219 (plus taxes for Fairmont Gold).

**Please advise the hotel you are with the Alberta Federation of Labour Mid-Term to ensure you get this room rate. Deadline for booking your rooms is April 2, 2010.**

### Refunds

The AFL will issue refunds to all registered delegates if the forum is cancelled, however, there will be **no refunds issued for late withdrawals after April 23, 2010**

### Questions

Call 780-483-3021 or 1-800-661-3995 or by email at [afl@afl.org](mailto:afl@afl.org).

For registration inquiries contact Linda Robinson ([lrobinso@afl.org](mailto:lrobinso@afl.org)) at 780-483-3021.