

December 18, 2018

TO: All Locals & District Councils Affiliated to CUPE BC

Greetings:

Enclosed is the Call to the 56th 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, May 1, 2019, continuing through until 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

In order to have delegates seated at this Convention, per capita must be paid to February 28, 2019. This per capita must be paid prior to May 1, 2019 (as per the constitution).

This year we have moved to online registration for all delegates to convention. Online registration will be through WE Travel at www.wetravel.net. Please note that per capita is required to be paid up to November 30, 2018 in order to register your delegates. If you are unable to register your delegates via the online portal, please contact our office so that we can provide assistance.

Delegate Selection

CUPE conventions have seen excellent debates on the need to involve more equity seeking groups in our union activities. If there is more than one delegate spot please consider sending a member who self identifies as being from an equity seeking group including; but not limited to: Persons with Disability, Indigenous, LGBTQ2+, and Workers of Colour. In addition we always strive to build the next generation of union activists and encourage locals to consider new and young workers (30 and under) for delegates to convention.

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.



New Delegates Orientation

Wednesday, May 1, 2019 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 through our host hotels. Please contact our office and we can provide you with further information as needed.

Please find enclosed the following documents:

Application for Subsidy (if applicable)
Delegate Request Form for Accessibility Assistance
Resolutions Guide
Accommodations Registration Form
Green Tips for Convention

CREDENTIALS

As already indicated, we moved to online registration for our convention. **Please note that delegates will be required to show ID at registration to receive their kit and electronic voting pads.**

Note that you will be able to book your hotel room at the time the call is sent out, but you will not be able to register your delegates until you have your per capita paid up to November 30, 2018. Once we receive your per capita payments, we will email your local to confirm the site is live to register your delegates for convention.

Deadline to register credentials online is **March 17, 2019**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office. We look forward to seeing you at Convention!

In solidarity,



Trevor Davies
Secretary-Treasurer

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cc: Staff, National Officers
Enclosures