



# 45th Annual CUPE ONTARIO CONVENTION NIAGARA FALLS



## Convention Call



***In accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution, you are hereby notified that the Forty-fifth Annual Convention of this Division will convene at the Sheraton on the Falls, Niagara Falls at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, and will conclude at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Simultaneous Translation, ASL Interpretation and Real Time Captioning will be provided.***

### REPRESENTATION

At all Conventions of this Division, the basis of representation from affiliated organizations shall be:

From Local Unions paying per capita tax on

1 to 100 members	• TWO delegates	501 to 600	• SEVEN delegates
101 to 200	• THREE delegates	601 to 700	• EIGHT delegates
201 to 300	• FOUR delegates	701 to 850	• NINE delegates
301 to 400	• FIVE delegates	851 to 1000	• TEN delegates
401 to 500	• SIX delegates		

and one additional delegate for each additional 500 memberships or major portion thereof. [Article 4(d)1]

From District Councils the basis for representation shall be two delegates per affiliated Council. For Councils of Unions, the basis for representation shall be one delegate per affiliated Council of Unions. Representatives from District Councils or Councils of Unions must hold membership in an affiliated Local Union. [Article 4(d)2.a]

To be entitled to representation in Convention, a Local Union shall have paid per capita tax on its total membership up to and including March 31<sup>st</sup> of the year in which the Convention is held. Such payment must be received by April 30<sup>th</sup>. [Article 4(d)2.b]

The membership upon which the per capita payment for the last quarter of the calendar year preceding Convention is made shall be used for the purpose of determining delegate representation at Convention. A District Council or Council of Unions shall have paid its annual affiliation fee by April 30<sup>th</sup>. [Article 4(d)2.c & d]

Local Unions having less than one hundred (100) full-time members or equivalent (as determined in accordance with the formula set out in Article 9(a) for the payment of per capita tax on part time members) may make application to the Executive Board for transportation and registration fee subsidization to assist in their sending of a delegate to the Division Convention, and the Executive Board is empowered to act thereon [Article 4(d)2.e)].

#### Compliance with National Constitution

Article 6.7 of the National Constitution provides that no organization, in arrears two (2) or more months with per capita tax payments to the National Union, will be allowed representation at a Division Convention.

#### Alternate Delegates

An affiliated Local Union, District Council or Council of Unions may elect alternate delegates to attend annual Conventions. An alternate delegate shall be entitled to attend sessions of the Convention, shall be entitled to voice but no vote, except in the absence of a duly elected delegate. For the purpose of this section, the duly elected alternate delegate must be in possession of a delegate's badge prior to being afforded vote. [Article 4(e)1]

At all Conventions of this Division, the basis of alternate delegate representation from affiliated organizations shall be:

From Local Unions paying per capita tax on

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| 75 members or less | • ONE alternate  | 501 to 1000 | • THREE alternates |
| 76 to 500          | • TWO alternates | 1001 and up | • FOUR alternates  |

From District Councils or Councils of Unions, the basis for representation shall be one alternate per affiliated Council. Representation from District Councils or Councils of Unions must hold membership in an affiliated local union. [Article 4(e)2].

#### RESOLUTIONS AND AMENDMENTS

All resolutions to be considered at a Convention must be submitted by a Local Union or District Council, or by the Executive Board of the Division, or committee thereof, so that they are in the office of the Secretary-Treasurer no later than SEVENTY-FIVE (75) DAYS prior to the Convention, and **must not exceed 200 words in total**.

All resolutions must be submitted under the letterhead of the affiliate submitting same, and signed by the PRESIDING OFFICER and SECRETARY of such affiliate. [Article 4(h)]

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIVING RESOLUTIONS IS MARCH 7, 2008**

**N.B.** If faxing (416) 299-3480 or e-mailing (fhahn@cupe.on.ca) resolution(s), please ensure that all originals are forwarded to the Division Office immediately thereafter.

## CONVENTION COMMITTEES

One of the most responsible and important contributions to an efficient Convention is the work carried out by the five Convention committees:

### **RESOLUTIONS • CONSTITUTION • WAYS & MEANS • CREDENTIALS • DISTRIBUTION**

To be eligible to serve on the Resolutions, Constitution, Ways & Means Committees and Credentials committees, you must be a **registered delegate** to the Convention. [Article 4(i)] You will be required to attend a pre-Convention meeting as follows:

- Resolutions Committees** • **Monday & Tuesday, Apr 28 & 29, CUPE Ontario office**
- Constitution Committee** • **Wednesday, Apr 30 CUPE Ontario office**
- Ways & Means Committee** • **Thursday, May 1, CUPE Ontario Office**
- Credentials Committee** • **Tuesday, May 20, at the Sheraton on the Falls**

To serve on the **Distribution Committee**, you must be a member in good standing but not necessarily a delegate and will be required to attend a meeting **Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at the Sheraton on the Falls.**

The Division will be responsible for payment of expenses for the pre-Convention meetings, i.e. per diem (\$60 full day; \$30 half day), hotel accommodation, lost time and any necessary travel.

If you wish to serve on a Convention committee (meeting the above requirements), contact your local and ask that your name be submitted to the Division Office **no later than March 1st, 2008** so that selections may be made.

### REGISTRATION FEE

<b>DELEGATE</b>	<b>ALTERNATE</b>	<b>GUEST</b>
<b>\$275</b> after May 1 <b>\$325</b>	<b>\$275</b> after May 1 <b>\$325</b>	<b>\$150</b>

**Please make cheques payable to *CUPE Ontario***  
**Original Credentials MUST accompany cheque. We do not accept faxes**

**305 Milner Ave., Suite 801,  
Scarborough, Ontario M1B 3V4  
Phone: (416) 299-9739**

# HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

**Delegate accommodations are to be made through W. E. Travel**

**Phone:** Toll Free at 1-888-676-7747

**On line:** [www.cupe.on.ca](http://www.cupe.on.ca)

Click on the "Convention"

Click on "Hotel Reservations" and follow the screen prompts

**Delegates can access the website from February 1, 2008**

**CUT OFF DATE :** April 19, 2008

## HOTEL RATES

<b>Sheraton on the Falls</b>	Standard	S/D	\$167.00
	Fallsview	S/D	\$209.00
<b>Brock Plaza</b>	Standard	S/D	\$135.00
	Fallsview	S/D	\$167.00
<b>Skyline Inn</b>	Traditional	S/D	\$104.00

(Plus taxes: 5% Provincial Sales Tax, 5% GST)

## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Please make your travel arrangements through W. E. Travel, which is staffed by CUPE members and will provide the best possible fares

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