# **SECTORAL MEETINGS NOTICE**

# WINNIPEG CONVENTION CENTRE Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

Sectoral meetings will be held immediately prior to the national convention on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There is a \$35 fee which allows you to attend as many half-day sectoral meetings as you wish. This is to cover the cost of meeting rooms and translation costs if required. If you wish to attend any of the meetings, please complete and return the attached registration form along with your cheque to the CUPE Convention Office.

10:00 a.m. MR 2

#### 1 ☐ PARAMEDICS/EMERGENCY WORKERS

Delegates will have an opportunity to connect about issues affecting paramedics across the country. Privatization, downloading of services, health care funding, pensions, EMS wait times, and coordinated bargaining for EMS locals will be among the topics addressed.

10:00 a.m. Presentation Theatre

#### 2 ☐ LIBRARY WORKERS

This meeting will provide a forum to discuss the issues affecting CUPE library workers across the country. Library workers will be asked to provide a brief report from their province highlighting the key issues affecting their members. There will be a discussion of the various strategies to deal with the issues, including bargaining strategies and campaigns.

10:00 a.m. Millennium Suite

#### 3 ☐ CHILD CARE WORKERS

This meeting will give CUPE child care workers an opportunity to come together to discuss key issues facing the sector including the future of the promised National Child Care Program. This is also your chance to hear first-hand about the work of CUPE's National Child Care Working Group, and to discuss the challenges of winning good contracts and of organizing non-union child care workers.

10:00 a.m. Pan Am

#### 4 ☐ SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS

School board workers will have a chance to share bargaining and campaign experiences. Fighting privatization and contracting out, working for increased education funding, and efforts to end violence in schools are among topics for discussion. There can be discussion on the 2005 action plan and other resolutions submitted to the convention.

# 10:00 a.m. MR 8/9

# **5** □ WATER AND WASTEWATER WORKERS

Water and wastewater workers will have an opportunity to discuss privatization threats in Canada and around the world. Delegates will discuss CUPE's campaigns and successes in fighting water privatization including ideas to expose large multinational corporations that threaten to take control of public water. CUPE's efforts to assist workers in the area of training and certification to meet regulatory changes will also be reviewed.

# 1:00 p.m. MR 2

#### 6 ☐ MUNICIPAL WORKERS

The meeting will provide CUPE municipal workers with the opportunity to hear about and discuss the latest developments in the "New Deal for Cities." Delegates will also discuss strategies to fight back against contracting out, privatization and public-private partnerships in municipal infrastructure and services.

## 1:00 p.m. Presentation Theatre

#### 7 ☐ ELECTRICAL UTILITY WORKERS

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss deregulation, restructuring and privatization, and human resource issues within electrical utilities in Canada and around the world. Delegates will explore ways to protect our members and public services at the bargaining table and through political action. This meeting will provide the first opportunity to follow up on strategies and ideas developed at the May 2005 CUPE energy meeting in Ottawa.

# 1:00 p.m. Millennium Suite

#### 8 ☐ SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS

Delegates will report on recent struggles in CUPE's social service sector with a focus on emerging privatization trends. Delegates will discuss challenges to building stronger locals and bargaining strength as set out in the *Strategic Directions Document* from 2003. There will be a discussion at the sector meeting on the 2005 strategic action plan and other issues that will be brought to the national convention for debate.

## 1:00 p.m. Pan Am

#### 9 ☐ POST SECONDARY EDUCATION WORKERS

Delegates from university and college locals will have an opportunity to share information on provincial, national and regional/local trends. The discussion will include: funding issues, tuition, the influence of corporations on programming and research, and the contracting out of cleaning and food services. PSE workers from across the country can compare notes on bargaining and political strategies.

# 1:00 p.m. MR 2E/F

#### 10 ☐ HEALTH CARE WORKERS

This meeting will be an opportunity for CUPE delegates from hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care, and community health agencies to discuss many topics including: federal and provincial funding of health care, privatization of public health care, contracting out of CUPE members' work, and the impact of privatization on wages, benefits, pensions, working conditions and services. Delegates will consider political and bargaining strategies to fight back.