

SECTORAL MEETINGS NOTICE

VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE – WEST BUILDING

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30TH

Sectoral meetings will be held immediately prior to the national convention on Sunday, October 30th.

There is a \$40 fee which allows you to attend as many half-day sectoral meetings as you wish. This is to cover the cost of Rooms and interpretation costs if required. If you wish to attend any of the meetings, please complete and return the attached registration form along with your cheque, payable to CUPE, to the convention office.

MORNING

10:00 a.m.
Room 116-117

1. PARAMEDICS/EMERGENCY WORKERS

This meeting will allow delegates to connect about issues affecting paramedics and EMS dispatchers across the country. Delegates will have an opportunity to discuss the “fire-medical” model, EMS funding, ER overload, ambulance offload delay, pensions, regional issues, EMS bargaining, community paramedicine and other issues.

10:00 a.m.
Room 114-115

2. LIBRARY WORKERS

This meeting will provide a forum to discuss current threats, including privatization, that affect library workers across the country. Delegates will be asked to provide a brief report from their province or region highlighting the key issues. There will be a discussion of the various strategies to deal with these issues, including bargaining matters.

10:00 a.m.
Room 111-112

3. CHILD CARE WORKERS

This meeting will provide the opportunity to discuss key issues facing this sector, including how to continue the struggle for a pan-Canadian public not-for-profit early childhood education and care system. Delegates will also hear first-hand about the work of CUPE’s National Child Care Working Group.

10:00 a.m.
Room 109-110

4. SCHOOL BOARD WORKERS

This meeting will provide education support staff an opportunity to share bargaining and campaign experiences. Early learning programs, cuts to educational assistant positions and province-wide bargaining are still ongoing issues. Privatization and declining enrolment remains a challenge in this sector. In addition, members will have an opportunity to inform others of resolutions concerning the school board sector coming to the convention floor.

10:00 a.m.
Room 118-119-120

5. WATER AND WASTEWATER WORKERS

CUPE water and wastewater workers have an important opportunity to focus on local and global water issues at this convention. Members will have the opportunity to discuss international trade, including a new Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), privatization, climate change, workers training, recruitment and retention. Delegates will report on CUPE campaigns against water privatization and will consider future action to fight against the corporate control of public water.

AFTERNOON

1:00 p.m.
Room 118-119-120

6. MUNICIPAL WORKERS

CUPE municipal workers have an important opportunity to discuss current threats and opportunities in our sector today. This session will focus on CUPE municipal campaigns addressing international trade, privatization and our collective bargaining rights. Delegates will have the opportunity to provide valuable information on our priority issues and to consider future action to ensure municipal services remain public.

1:00 p.m.
Room 114-115

7. ELECTRICAL UTILITY WORKERS

This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss deregulation, restructuring, privatization, and human resources issues within electrical utilities in Canada and around the world.

1:00 p.m.
Room 111-112

8. SOCIAL SERVICES WORKERS

CUPE social services workers across Canada are experiencing an increased demand for social services programs and supports. At the same time, many community social services agencies are experiencing the negative effects of chronic government underfunding. In some jurisdictions, governments have attempted to freeze workers' wages. Legislative changes, underfunding, and the push to privatize programs and services are eroding a sector already pushed beyond capacity. The current climate has contributed to increased concerns about recruitment and retention of qualified staff, workload, burnout, and erosion of workers' wages. We are also experiencing tougher bargaining. Delegates will discuss trends experienced across the country and share strategies to address the many challenges impacting workers, support for individuals and their families, and the provision of quality public services.

1:00 p.m.
Room 116-117

9. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION WORKERS

Delegates from university and college locals will have an opportunity to share information on national, provincial, regional and local trends. Topics will include privatization trends and threats in post-secondary education, PSE funding and education as a right, coordination around bargaining and reporting on bargaining trends, raising the profile of the sector within CUPE and supporting each other on a national level.

1:00 p.m.
Room 109-110

10. HEALTH CARE WORKERS

This meeting will be an opportunity for delegates from hospitals, long-term care facilities, home care, and community health agencies to discuss many topics including federal and provincial funding and regulation of health care and the renewal of the 2004 Accord on Health Care, privatization of public health care, contracting out and restructuring 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, as well as discuss the health care resolutions.