



memorandum

TO: All Chief Stewards and Primary Contacts
FROM: Val Avery, President
DATE: December 15, 2014
SUBJECT: **Call for HSA's Annual Convention**

The 2015 HSA Annual Convention will take place May 1 and 2, 2015 at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Vancouver.

Annual convention is the union's annual meeting where chapter representatives from around the province determine the union's future direction. Policies, actions, constitutional amendments, and structural changes are all discussed and debated at convention.

Members who have specific issues that they want to raise at convention are encouraged to attend their local chapter meeting. Resolutions must be endorsed by the chapter before they are sent to the HSA office for inclusion in the Annual Report.

The Annual Report is published in March and will be available on-line only, with a limited supply to be printed for use at the annual convention.

DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

All HSA members are welcome to attend and speak at the convention. However, only delegates have the right to vote. At this year's convention, delegates will elect a president for the 2015-2017 term.

For chapters with 49 or fewer members, the HSA chief steward is the sole delegate. If the chief steward is not attending convention, an alternate should be identified. Chapters with more than 49 members are entitled to one additional delegate for each additional 50 members or portion thereof.

The exact date and time of your delegate selection meeting will be set by your HSA steward and posted on your union notice board.

Delegates must use HSA's online registration system to register for convention. Online registration opens Tuesday, January 20, 2015. Faxed registrations will not be accepted.

The deadline for delegates to register for convention is no later than Friday, March 20, 2015 at midnight.

RESOLUTIONS

The deadline for receipt of resolutions in the office is 5:00 p.m., on Friday, February 13th, 2015. To ensure your chapter resolutions are forwarded to convention, please submit resolutions before the final deadline, as late resolutions are not considered. A separate memo outlining the process for submitting resolutions is attached. Email resolutions to Rosemary Deyagher @ rdeyagher@hsabc.org or fax to 604-515-8889/1-800-663-6119.

Please note that proposed changes to the collective agreement are dealt with at the Bargaining Proposal Conferences, held before the expiry of HSA collective agreements. Bargaining proposals are not accepted as convention resolutions.

Policy resolutions shall consist of no more than 150 words (names or organizations are counted as one word; no abbreviations please).

Resolutions proposing constitutional changes (Constitutional resolutions), have no word limit. Please note that constitutional resolutions must include the exact language that the chapter is proposing be added, deleted or amended.

IMPORTANT CONVENTION DATES

- Tuesday, January 20, 2015: Online Registration for the 2015 HSA Convention opens.
- Friday, March 20, 2015 @ midnight: Online Registration for the 2015 Convention closes.
- Thursday, April 30 @ 1:00 pm: Pre-Convention Plenary
- Friday, May 1 @ 8:30 am to 5 pm: HSA Convention
- Saturday, May 2 @ 8:30 am to 4pm: HSA Convention