

# THE NSUPE VOICE



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FALL 2019

## **NSUPE CONVENTION 2019**

NSUPE's biennial Convention will be held on Saturday, November 16, at the Quality Inn Halifax Airport Hotel. This venue was chosen to support NSUPE Local 17 members who work at the hotel as attendants and front desk representatives.

The 2019 NSUPE Convention will once again be preceded by Labour School on Friday, November 15. Labour School will feature sessions on member engagement, understanding NSUPE's finances, member discounts, and collective bargaining. On Friday evening after Labour School, delegates and a guest are invited to attend a dinner and dance to kick back and relax after a day of learning.

On Saturday, November 16, delegates will proceed with Convention business, which will include reports from the President, Treasurer, Baker Tilly, and NSUPE's committees. As per the Constitution, Convention also includes discussion on resolutions, the election of the table officers, and finance committee members.

All NSUPE members are eligible to stand for election to attend Convention as a delegate. As per NSUPE's Constitution, the election of delegates from each Local shall be through the normal process of nomination and balloting. The nominated member must receive a majority of the votes cast to be elected.

Each Local is entitled to send the following delegates to represent their Local at Convention:

- Executive Council Member
  - Two delegates from each Local Executive
  - Two additional delegates from each Local
  - One additional delegate for every 150 members in excess of 100
- Up to two alternate delegates who may attend as observers or step in if needed

For more information on when your Local will be electing delegates to Convention or who has already been elected, please contact a member of your Local Executive or your Business Agent. To register as a Convention delegate, alternate delegate, or observer, please visit [www.NSUPE.ca/event/Convention](http://www.NSUPE.ca/event/Convention). Please note that the hotel room block expires on November 1.

## **NEW EXPENSE CLAIM FORM**

NSUPE's Executive Council has approved a revised expense claim form, which requires members to input some additional detail. The expense claim process has remained the same. Members who have expense claims are asked to begin using the new claim form effective immediately. All Convention expenses should be completed on the new form.

The new expense claim form can be accessed at [www.nsupe.ca/expense-report](http://www.nsupe.ca/expense-report). The NSUPE Expense Policy can be viewed at [www.nsupe.ca/policies](http://www.nsupe.ca/policies). If you have any questions regarding the new expense claim form, please contact Melissa Morse, Admin Assistant at [admin@nsupe.ca](mailto:admin@nsupe.ca), or call (902) 422-9495.

# MEMBER NEWS

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## SCHOLARSHIPS

NSUPE will award six bursaries of \$1000 each through a random draw that will take place at NSUPE's Convention on Saturday, November 16. To be eligible, applicants must be a NSUPE member in good standing or the spouse or dependent of a member in good standing. The deadline to apply is Friday, November 8. For full details, please visit [www.nsupe.ca/bursary](http://www.nsupe.ca/bursary).

## LOCAL FINANCIAL REPORT

NSUPE's Executive Council has revised the Local Financial Report and will once again begin to distribute this report to the Executive Council Member of each Local. Executive Council Members will use this document to provide Locals with a high-level summary of NSUPE's revenues and expenses during general meetings.

Please allow for sufficient time for the quarterly financials to be completed and the reports to be prepared. For further details, contact Tanya Herrell, NSUPE Treasurer, at [treasurer@nsupe.ca](mailto:treasurer@nsupe.ca) or Melissa Morse, Admin Assistant, at [admin@nsupe.ca](mailto:admin@nsupe.ca).

## MEMBER DISCOUNTS

NSUPE offers member discounts through the Atlantic Canada Health Care Coalition Society (ACHCCS) and Union Savings Canada. New discounts are being added regularly.

Some of the discounts available:

- Prescriptions and purchases at Lawtons Drugs
- Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep vehicles
- Mark's clothing and footwear
- Park N' Fly
- Reitmans clothing
- David's Tea
- Thyme Maternity clothing
- Dulux Paint

To access the full list of discounts, please visit [www.nsupe.ca/discounts](http://www.nsupe.ca/discounts).

## NSUPE EXECUTIVE TRAINING

NSUPE has created a training course designed specifically for NSUPE members in executive positions. The two-day training course will cover a variety of topics that new and seasoned members face regularly. The first offering of the course is set to take place on November 27 and 28 at the NSUPE office. Future dates will likely be announced in January 2020.

NSUPE members who currently serve on Executive Council or their Local Executive are encouraged to contact Farrel at [fhuculak@nsupe.ca](mailto:fhuculak@nsupe.ca) to express their interest in attending.

## GET SOCIAL

Did you know that NSUPE is now on Facebook and Twitter? We post the latest updates, union photos, and events on our website and social media accounts. We encourage all members to share stories, pictures, and anything else union-related on NSUPE's social media accounts. Find us online at :

[www.Facebook.com/NovaScotiaUnion](http://www.Facebook.com/NovaScotiaUnion)  
[www.Twitter.com/NovaScotiaUnion](http://www.Twitter.com/NovaScotiaUnion)

# MEMBER NEWS

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## CCU CONVENTION

NSUPE members attended the Confederation of Canadian Union's 50th Anniversary Convention in Ottawa from October 5th to 8th. The Confederation of Canadian Unions (CCU) held its first convention in July 1969.

Some of the featured keynote speakers included Katrina Miller from Press Progress, Real Lavergne, from Fair Vote Canada, Michael Etherington, an Indigenous Relations Consultant, and Joel Harding, NDP MPP from Ottawa Centre.



NSUPE members Shelby Kennedy, President; Tanya Herrell, Treasurer; Mike Trider, Local 2; John Peskett, Local 2; Chadd Ketchum, Local 12; Aviva Donaldson, Local 13; Joe Kaiser, Local 13; Dee Vipond, Local 13; and Mona Deveau, Local 16 attended and voted on NSUPE's behalf. Farrel Huculak, Business Agent, also attended the Convention. Resolutions were passed to increase the amount of the annual bursaries, to add a Vice President in each of the CCU's three regions, and to extend the Eastern region to include Quebec. As well, all CCU delegates attended a guided tour of the House of Commons and the Senate on Parliament Hill.

## LIGHT THE NIGHT HALIFAX

NSUPE Local 12 partnered with the Nova Scotia Nurses Union to create a Canadian Blood Services team to fundraise and walk in the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society of Canada's Light the Night Walk in Halifax, Nova Scotia on October 19.



The Canadian Blood Services team raised over \$6500 in honour of Jake Blanchard and others impacted by blood cancers.

Overall, the Halifax Light the Night event has raised over \$732,000 to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.



# DID YOU KNOW?

## NSUPE'S DECISION-MAKING PROCESS

