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TO: LOCAL SECRETARIES

RE: CONVENTION 2008

Enclosed herewith is your **CONVENTION CALL** and **CREDENTIAL FORM(S)**.

Greetings,

We are pleased to announce that your local is entitled to send 1 delegate(s) to the 14th Triennial Convention that will be held in Québec City from August 13th to 15th, 2008.

Take note that as per Bylaw 11, Section 11, local accredited delegates have to be elected at a local general meeting, therefore please send us a copy of the minutes of that meeting to let us know who will represent your local at the 2008 convention.

INFORMATION TO SEND:

Send us the name and address of your delegate(s) and a copy of the above mentioned minutes **AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS** before Convention.
You can send by:

- fax at 613-235-0517 or
- email at agrunion@psac-afpc.com

CREDENTIAL FORMS

- Please complete and return enclosed Credential Form(s) to the National Office on or before April 14th, 2008.

In Solidarity,

Yves Ducharme
National President

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cc: National Council

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January 28th, 2008

CONVENTION CALL

The 14th Triennial National Convention of the Agriculture Union - PSAC will be held in Québec City at the Hilton, 1100 Bd René Lévesque E Québec QC G1R 5V2 commencing Wednesday August 13th, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. to Friday, August 15th, 2008, inclusively.

Representation at Convention is based on members in good standing as per By-Law 11, Section 11. Travel and living expenses, hotel accommodations and actual loss of salary for all accredited delegates will be borne by the Agriculture Union.

For your information, attached herewith is Regulation No. 1 of the Agriculture Union entitled "Convention".

**Agriculture Union
Regulation No. 1**

Convention

1. (a) A standard delegate credential form shall be prepared by the Administrative Officer and sufficient copies forwarded to all Locals at least five months prior to the Convention.
 - (b) The forms shall be prepared in duplicate, bear the name of the delegate and Local and the signature of the Local President or Secretary. One copy is to be given to the delegate and the other copy forwarded to the Administrative Officer at least four month prior to Convention.
 - (c) Members of the National Council and Delegate from the E.O. committee will also be provided with credentials by the Administrative Officer. These will be signed by the President or his/her appointed representative.
 - (d) The Agriculture Union shall be responsible for the expenses of delegates accredited to its National Convention.
 - (e) The expenses for accredited delegates shall be determined at the beginning of the Convention by these delegates, who will study the proposals of the Organization.
 - (f) When a former National President of the Agriculture Union has been invited to attend a National Convention of the component, all costs associated with transportation, accommodations and meals for the former presidents shall be paid by the Component.
2. (a) The National Executive shall appoint accredited delegates to form committees. First priority will be given to candidates elected from amongst the accredited delegates and by those same accredited delegates in attendance at Regional Conferences. At a time when elections are not possible, priority will be given to recommendations made by the Regional Vice President or Directors.
 - (b) Committees will be formed by appointing one (1) delegate to each of the standing committees from the following eight (8) regions: Atlantic; Quebec; Eastern Ontario; Western Ontario; Manitoba, North Western Ontario and Nunavut; Saskatchewan; Alberta; and British Columbia; One EO Delegate to a standing committee.
3. All resolutions and recommendations originating from the National Office, National Executive, National Council or Regional Conferences, Equal Opportunities Committee will be submitted to all Locals three (3) months prior to Convention. All resolutions proposed to be submitted to the Convention shall:
 - (a) be accepted for consideration if submitted by one of the following: the National Executive; National Council; a Local or a Regional Conference; and Agriculture Union Equal Opportunities Committee;
 - (b) resolutions submitted by Locals shall bear the signature of the President and Secretary of the submitting body;
 - (c) be forwarded to the Administrative Officer at least four months before the Convention;

- (d) deal with one subject only.
- (e) be typewritten or printed upon a separate sheet of paper and submitted in triplicate;
- (f) be clear and concise with either a sufficient preamble or explanatory footnote and restricted to 150 words or less;
- (g) the National Executive may refuse to receive or consider any resolution not properly presented in accordance with the above;
- (h) all resolutions dealing directly with collective bargaining shall be excluded from the business of the Triennial Convention and referred to the central bargaining committee, except for new item or items not included in the agreements negotiated by P.S.A.C.
- (i) a resolution received after the deadline set herein will be considered only if it meets the requirements of By-Law 11 Section 15.
- (j) notices of motion to amend the By-Laws shall be submitted in the form of resolutions as outlined in (a) to (f) above.
- (k) a progress report on all resolutions adopted by the Convention shall be submitted to each member of the National Council and each Local within six months (6) of the Convention and periodically thereafter.
- (l) resolutions submitted by Regional Conferences shall bear the signatures of two Regional Vice Presidents/Directors and/or Alternate.
- (m) resolutions submitted by Agriculture Union Equal Opportunities Committee shall bear the signatures of the Director and Alternate.
- (n) resolutions submitted by the National Executive or National Council shall bear the signature of the President and one of the Executive Vice Presidents.