

HSA 49th convention set for April 2-3: resolutions deadline January 28

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Preparations for HSA's annual convention, where delegates representing members from throughout the province set goals, debate policies, and recommend actions for the union and its members to carry out for the year, are already underway.

The deadline for submitting resolutions is Tuesday, January 28, 2020. All resolutions must be voted on at local union chapters. HSA chapter meetings will be held over the next several weeks, and all members are encouraged to propose resolutions, attend the meetings, and participate in the democratic process of setting the union's course. Resolutions are also proposed by the union's board of directors.

Members who have specific issues that they want to raise at convention are encouraged to attend their local chapter meeting. Resolutions must be voted on and approved by members of the local chapter before they are submitted to the union's Resolutions Committee, which includes member representation from each of HSA's 10 regions. Resolutions forwarded to convention will be available on the HSA website in early March for members to review.

The deadline for receipt of resolutions in the HSA office is midnight on Tuesday, January 28, 2020. Late resolutions will not be accepted.

Please note that proposed changes to collective agreements are dealt with at Bargaining Proposal conferences, held before the expiry of HSA collective agreements. Resolutions deemed to be bargaining proposals are not accepted for debate at the annual convention.

Convention forms the basis of the union's decision-making process. Each individual member has an important role to play in determining HSA's objectives and goals for the next year. Please attend your chapter meeting and participate in this vital part of the union's democratic process.

HSA's annual convention begins with a plenary session and Regional Meetings at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 1, with official convention business getting underway Thurs., April 2 at 8:30 a.m. and adjourning Fri., April 3, 2020 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Vancouver.

Pre-convention workshops are also being offered. Only convention delegates are eligible to apply for registration. See a description of the workshops $\underline{\text{here}}$. Registration for convention and the pre-convention workshops opens January 2O.

<u>Contact your chief steward</u> for more information about a resolutions meeting at your worksite., <u>and visit the 2020 HSA Convention event page</u>.

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