



**2010 PSAC Prairies Regional Women's Conference**  
**"Putting Our Passion into Action"**  
**September 10 – 12, 2010**  
**Saskatoon, SK**

May 11, 2010

To: PSAC Prairie Region Locals and Branches, Regional Women's Committee Chairs, Human Rights Committee Chairs, Area Council Presidents and Component RVP's/NVP's

<b>REGISTRATION DEADLINE:</b>	<b>Friday, July 2, 2010</b> <b>4:00 p.m. CST</b>
<b>RESOLUTIONS SUBMISSION DEADLINE :</b>	<b>Friday July 2, 2010</b> <b>4:00 p.m. CST</b>
<b>CONFERENCE DATES:</b>	<b>September 10 - 12, 2010</b>
<b>CONFERENCE LOCATION:</b>	<b>Sheraton Cavalier Hotel</b> <b>Saskatchewan</b> <b>612 Spadina Crescent East,</b> <b>Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</b>

**Registration Deadline is July 2, 2010**

This Registration Package includes:

- Introduction Letter and Call for Resolutions
- Application Form: **Please complete all three sections**

Dear Sisters,

We are pleased to be sending you this Registration package for the **2010 PSAC PRAIRIES REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**, which will be held September 10 - 12, 2010 at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan under the theme "**Putting Our Passion into Action**".

This conference is scheduled to begin on Friday, September 10, 2010 with registration and an evening event from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration will continue on Saturday morning September 11, from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. with the conference opening at 8:30 a.m. Saturday's session will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the Sunday session will run from 8:30 a.m. to closing at 12:30 p.m.

Enclosed is the participant application package. The application has three sections; please ensure that you fill out all three sections as applicable.

We encourage you to personally inform PSAC Sisters to ensure they are made aware of this conference. Bulletin boards may not always be accessible and additional outreach is very important. This registration package is available on the PSAC Prairies webpage as well.

Resolutions:

Resolutions will be discussed, debated and voted on at the Conference and then subsequently submitted to the appropriate bodies, including the upcoming National Women's Conference, Oct. 22-24, 2010. The resolutions should be aimed at strengthening and improving the Union's work on women's rights and advancing our objectives. All PSAC constitutionally recognized bodies and union structures will be entitled to forward resolutions to the 2010 PSAC Prairies Regional Women's Conference. Resolutions will be accepted both the traditional and clear language format. **RESOLUTIONS** submission deadline is **July 2, 2010, 4:00 p.m. CST.**

**Registration deadline is Friday, July 2, 2010.** A \$100.00 non-refundable registration fee should accompany all applications. Applicants will be notified of acceptance by July 14, 2010 and a confirmation letter with further details regarding travel will be sent to all participants.

During the conference the PSAC smoke-free environment and scent-free environment policies will be in effect. Please refrain from using scented products of any type.

**Please forward your completed application form & registration fee no later than Friday, July 2, 2010 to:**

Prairies Regional Women's Conference Committee  
Public Service Alliance of Canada  
Suite #5, 511 – 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue North  
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan S7K 1X5

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**\*\*\*NOTE: There is a separate application for the PSAC National Women's Conference. \*\*\*\***

**REGISTER EARLY - PARTICIPATION IS LIMITED**

If you require further information with regard to this conference, please contact Louise Mardell at the Saskatoon Regional Office (306) 244-3033 or Deanna Kimball at the Winnipeg Regional Office (204) 947-1601.

In Solidarity,

Robyn Benson  
Regional Executive Vice-President – Prairies  
On behalf of the Prairies Regional Women's  
Conference Steering Committee



**Loss of Salary Required:**

Please identify if you will require loss of salary for travel on Friday, Sept. 10. In most cases a half day will be needed for travel. If you require Loss of Salary for Saturday or Sunday please indicate below. (for budget tracking purposes)

Classification/Step or Hourly Wage: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Hours Loss of Salary Required: \_\_\_\_\_

Which day(s) do you require loss of salary? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION TWO:**

**Part A: Participant Questionnaire**

1. Have you ever attended a PSAC Regional Women's Conference?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

2. Have you attended a PSAC National Women's Conference?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

3. (Circle one) I am a member of a **rural** or **urban** PSAC Local.

4. Do you regularly attend Regional Women Committee meetings?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

5. Do wish to self-identify?

- Youth (under 29 years of age) \_\_\_\_\_
- Aboriginal Person \_\_\_\_\_
- Racially Visible Person \_\_\_\_\_
- GLBT \_\_\_\_\_
- Person with a Disability \_\_\_\_\_

Please list PSAC Education courses you have attended (both weekend and in-residence).

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Please list your involvement with political and community groups that actively work on equality issues and the nature or extent of your involvement.

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**Workshop Selection:**

The primary objective of the workshops is to develop the Union’s agenda, including various strategies on the issues being discussed. Participants will be encouraged to share their particular experiences and knowledge with the group. Please indicate your order of preference for the different workshops by marking the number of your preference in the box beside the description of the workshop: **1-first choice and 2-second choice.**

Please note that every attempt will be made to respect your preferences.

**Childcare:**

1       2

Participants will look at child care and the need for a universal, accessible child care system in Canada.

**Pensions and Women:**

1       2

Participants will explore the impact of poverty and access to pensions for women.

**Mobilizing for Change:**

1       2

Participants will discuss and develop strategies around affecting change in our communities and workplaces.

**SECTION TWO:**  
**Part B: LOCAL APPROVAL**  
**(Completed by your PSAC Local Executive Officer)**

(Please print)

I \_\_\_\_\_ certify that \_\_\_\_\_  
*(member name)*  
is a member in good standing.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Approving Officer and Local Officer Position

Locals may submit more than one application provided the applications are ranked by the Local indicating a first and second choice. This will assist the Selection Committee in the event that the number of applications exceeds the number of seats available.

Selection number 1: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(member name)*

Selection number 2 (Alternate): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(member name)*

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**Non-refundable, must accompany application,**  
**Cheques payable to ‘Public Service Alliance of Canada’**

## **SECTION THREE:** **Travel, Hotel, Childcare & Accessibility Requirements**

**Travel** costs for participants located outside of the Saskatoon City limits will be reimbursed through the Conference Budget. Travel arrangements will be made in accordance with the PSAC Travel Policy and all arrangements will be finalized once there is confirmation of attendance (Before July 30, 2010).

**Note:** Saskatchewan participants will be required to travel by car or bus; requests for commercial air travel will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

**Hotel Accommodations** for participants located more than 100 km from Saskatoon city limits will be paid through the Conference Budget. Other requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis. All participants in travel status will have arrangements made for them at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel Saskatchewan.

Note: The Sheraton Cavalier is a smoke-free hotel.

**Web address:** <http://www.sheratoncavaliersaskatoon.com/>

### **Group Meals will be provided as follows:**

- ❖ Saturday, September 11, 2010      Breakfast
- ❖ Saturday, September 11, 2010      Lunch
- ❖ Sunday, September 12, 2010      Breakfast
- ❖ Sunday, September 12, 2010      Lunch

### **SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS OR ALLERGIES**

Do you have any dietary requirements or any allergies that we should be aware of?

- Yes       No

Please specify


### **ON-SITE CHILDCARE FOR DELEGATES**

The objective of the PSAC Family Care Policy is to remove one of the barriers which prevents delegates from participating fully in Union activities and which provides for the reimbursement of family care expenses. A copy of the policy is available through any of the PSAC Regional Offices.

If there are any requests by delegates, on-site childcare will be provided at the conference for the activities outlined in the agenda.

Do you require on-site childcare?       Yes       No

**If yes,** for how many children?:      Ages of the children:

\*\* We will follow-up for additional information.

## **Accessibility Requirements Form**

The PSAC is committed to accessibility and therefore we ask that you complete this form if necessary so that the PSAC can ensure your full participation at the conference. The form is confidential and the information provided will not be disclosed except where necessary to respond to your request for accommodation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Disability Related Accommodation Request**

Do you have a disability?      Yes \_\_\_      No \_\_\_

If yes to the above question, then what are the functional limitations and restrictions arising from your disability? (You do not need to disclose your diagnosis)

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Please list options for accommodating your functional limitations and restrictions in order to allow you to fully participate at the event.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments:

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You may be required to provide relevant medical documentation that will assist us to respond to your request.

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