



THE Accent

Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees

Call for Vacant Director Positions: Locals 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 20

PEI UPSE's Membership Services Committee has issued a call for nominations for vacant Board of Director positions in locals 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19 and 20. Please print nomination forms from the union's website (www.peiupse.ca) or call PEI UPSE at 902-892-5335 or toll free at 1-800-897-8773.

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To be eligible for nomination as a Director a member must:

- *be in good standing for at least the previous twelve months (1 yr.)*
- *be nominated by a member in good standing of the applicable local*
- *have completed the Welcome to PEI UPSE or equivalent course*

**Nomination deadline:
January 26, 2012**

All nominations must be received at the union office by 4:00 p.m. on January 26, 2012. Union policy outlines that a biography must be included with the nomination form (mandatory).

The Accent is an internal publication of the Prince Edward Island Union of Public Sector Employees. Comments, questions, concerns and suggestions should be sent to: Mark Barrett, PEI UPSE Communications and Campaigns Officer, at mbarrett@peiupse.ca.

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Top CEOs Make 189 Times More than the Average Canadian Wage

The Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives' annual look at CEO compensation reveals that by 12:00 noon on January 3rd, the first official working day of the year, Canada's Elite 100 CEOs (the 100 highest paid CEOs of companies listed in the TSX Index) will have already pocketed \$44,366. ***It takes the Average Joe an entire year, working full-time, to earn that same amount.***



By the end of 2010, Canada's Elite 100 CEOs had pocketed an average \$8.38 million. That's a 27% increase over the average \$6.6 million they pocketed in 2009. At this rate, the average of Canada's CEO Elite 100 make 189 times more than Canadians earning the average wage. If you think that's normal, it's not. In 1998, the highest paid 100 Canadian CEOs earned 105 times more than the average wage.

Terrifying!

Four times in the last four months Canada's Minister of Labour, Lisa Raitt, has threatened or legislated workers back on the job. With Raitt's back-to-work legislation, she has erased 44 years of the right-to-strike in Canada, and about 150 years of union organizing that preceded it. She effectively ripped away collective bargaining - a tool that won us our most basic worker rights. But the really terrifying part is that Raitt and the Harper Government are considering making the whole economy an 'essential service'. Why? Because the interests of the 1% need to be protected. Protecting the interests of the 99%, of course - that's something else!



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Workers Compensation Act

The Ontario Workers Compensation Act is passed - the first in Canada. It established the "historic trade-off" where workers trade their right to sue employers for on-the-job-injury in return for a guaranteed protection from loss of income - regardless of fault.

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