

Convention News

Delegates select Regional VPs, complete Provincial Executive elections

On Thursday, delegates continued with elections, breaking into regional caucuses to elect a total of 12 VPs, plus alternates, as well as eight Provincial Executive alternates. Following these elections, the 2008-2010 HEU Provincial Executive members are:

President Ken Robinson (Kelowna Amalgamated)
Secretary-Business Manager Judy Darcy
Financial Secretary Donisa Bernardo (Kamloops/Thompson)
1st Vice-President Victor Elkins (PHSA Amalgamated)
2nd Vice-President Carol Kenzie (Kelowna Amalgamated)
3rd Vice-President Doreen Plouffe (VGH)
Senior Trustee Kelly Knox (St. Paul's)
Senior Trustee Elect Jacqueline Zilkie (Kaslo)
Trustee Louella Vincent (WHR – Lower Mainland)

Interior Regional VPs

(Kootenay) Margie Anderson (Trail)
(Okanagan) Rhonda Bruce (South Okanagan)
(Thompson/Cariboo) Becky Jacobson (100 Mile)

Fraser Regional VPs

(North) Carolyn Unsworth (Queen's Park)
(South) Dave Pellerin (MSA)

Vancouver Coastal Regional VPs

(Centennial) Debbie Lawrance (PHSA Amalgamated)
(Central) Bev Trynchy (St Paul's)
(Coastal) Jim Barrett (Lions Gate)

Vancouver Island Regional VPs

(North) Carol Bunch (District 69 Community Health)
(South) Jackie Woodley (Victoria General)

Northern Regional VPs

(East) Pat Shaw (South Peace)
(West) Kimberlea Stuparyk (Prince George)

Amendments and Resolutions

Amendment 45 passed
Resolutions 57 and composite 7, passed

Convention honours NDP MLAs Jenny Kwan and Joy McPhail for Bill 29 fight back



At the convention banquet, Jenny Kwan was presented with a special gift from HEU members, commemorating her work with Joy McPhail to fight the passage of *Bill 29*, when the BC Liberals pushed it through the legislature in 2004.



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Leading Together**

Cowichan Lodge local receives convention gavel

Fred Muzin presented delegates from the Cowichan Lodge local with HEU's convention gavel for their fight to save the publicly funded, non-profit long-term care facility in Duncan.



Earlier this year, HEU members joined with hundreds of residents, families, community activists and local politicians to challenge VIHA's plan to lay off workers and to transfer residents from Cowichan Lodge into a private, for-profit facility.

The campaign not only forced VIHA to back down on some aspects of the closure, it also put government in the hot seat for their costly agenda to privatize seniors' care.

HEU's staff union president sends solidarity greetings



On behalf of CEP local 468, Barb Lemky sent warm greetings to all HEU members.

"Your struggles for social justice are our struggles, as well," Lemky told delegates.

And in all your fights, she said, "we're right there with you," including she said, the fight to win in this upcoming provincial election.

