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To: Regional Women's Committees, Human Rights Committees,
Area Councils, Young Worker's Committee and Locals –
Atlantic Region

From: Jeannie Baldwin, Regional Executive Vice President – Atlantic

Re: ATLANTIC REGIONAL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Greetings All;

We are pleased to announce that the Eleventh PSAC Triennial Atlantic Regional Women's Conference will be held at the campus of St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, Nova Scotia **June 3 - 5, 2016.**

The conference theme is "**Reflecting, Refocusing & Rejuvenating – Our Voices & Energy**". Under this theme we will endeavor to strengthen the PSAC Women's Program at the regional level through stronger connections between the Regional Women's Committees, Council Representatives and local activists.

The conference will discuss domestic violence at work and what can be done at the Bargaining Table.

Special guest speaker is Maria Fitzpatrick, member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta. "We are All affected by Domestic Violence: Solidarity makes us stronger".

We are also pleased to have Barb MacQuarrie, Director, Centre for Research and Education on Violence against Women & Children at Western University.

This Conference is scheduled to begin Friday, June 3, 2016 with registration from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., followed by a Meet and Greet from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Registration will commence again on Saturday June 4th, from 8:00 – 9:00 a.m., with the conference opening at 9:00 a.m. Saturday's session will run from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the Sunday session will run from 8:30 a.m. to closing at 12:00 Noon.

Enclosed, is the registration information package which will provide additional details about the conference. Locals are encouraged to approach their departmental managers to request paid leave to allow women to attend this conference, as this conference will provide valuable educational opportunities.

Please note the following concerning registration and subsidies:

ACCOMMODATION, MEALS & SUBSIDY

Single room accommodation is available to all participants at no cost. Breakfast, lunch and supper is provided on Saturday. Breakfast is provided on Sunday and you will receive a brown bag lunch at noon. This will give participants the opportunity to network and plan with friends and acquaintances. A meal allowance will be provided for Friday.

REGISTRATION FEE

The registration fee for the conference is **\$50.00** per participant and is payable with the registration form, or when registering at the conference.

LOSS OF SALARY

No Loss of salary will be paid for this conference.

FAMILY CARE

To improve access to conferences and training for members with family care responsibilities, the PSAC has a Family Care Allowance Policy. Reimbursement will be made to family Care claims only if the claim is accompanied by a receipt. Please contact your Regional Office for more information, or view our website at www.psaunion.ca

ACCESS

The campus is an accessible venue. If you have any special needs that require accommodation, please add this information to your registration form under "Access".

SMOKE-FREE

The entire campus is strictly non-smoking inside all campus buildings, including the residence. There is a fine for smoking in non-designated areas. The PSAC will not pay these fines. They will be the responsibility of the individual conference participant who violates the smoking rules.

SCENT-FREE

To assist members with environmental sensitivities we must insist on a “scent-free” environment. Please see our attached Scent Free Policy.

AIR TRAVEL

Those travelling from Newfoundland & Labrador are asked to contact your PSAC Regional Office immediately to make your travel arrangements. A shuttle service will take participants from the Halifax airport to the event and return. Airfare and shuttle services are provided at no cost to participants.

GROUND TRAVEL SUBSIDIES

The travel subsidy will be as per the table below and **includes round-trip travel**:

Round Trip Kilometers (Km)	Single Person Vehicle	Car Pool Rate For Vehicle Driver only
100 – 250 km	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00
250 – 350 km	\$ 100.00	\$125.00
350 – 450 km	\$125.00	\$150.00
450 – 550 km	\$150.00	\$175.00
550 km and over	\$175.00	\$200.00

Travel subsidies will only be provided for the driver of a vehicle.

Those who travel and have receipts for the PEI bridge or ferry, highway tolls, or airport parking, will be reimbursed according to their receipt.

MILEAGE

Mileage will be paid for those traveling between 40 – 100 kms, at the lesser of either the PSAC mileage rate, or the round trip rate for 100 – 250 km above.

Please contact Mary MacNeil at the PSAC Halifax Regional Office at macneim@psac-afpc.com, 902-443-3541 or 1-800-839-6661 if you require further information with regard to this conference.

In Solidarity,



Jeannie Baldwin
Regional Executive Vice President – Atlantic

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