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Labour Holds 50th Anniversary Convention

The Saskatchewan Federation of Labour Annual Convention begins November 1st in Regina. Over 640 delegates from across the province will meet to develop policy and strategy for the coming year. 2006 is also an election year for all officers of the Federation, including the President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

“Together, we will strategize around Ottawa’s extensive cuts to a number of programs that seriously affect working people. For example, cuts to the Court Challenges Program and to the Status of Women seriously undercut our struggle for equality,” says President Larry Hubich.

“We are also very concerned about deep cuts to literacy programs that benefit Saskatchewan workers and their families, including the Saskatchewan Literacy Commission,” added Hubich.

Other 60 resolutions cover such issues as representative workforce strategies, childcare programs, pharmacare, same-sex marriage, elimination of the Transitional Employment Allowance, pay equity, minimum wage, occupational health and safety enforcement, and the University of Saskatchewan Labour Studies program.

Special guest speakers include Hassan Yussuf, Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Labour Congress; Jim Hopson, President-CEO of the Saskatchewan Roughriders; Armine Yalnizyan, Economist and Director of Research for the Social Planning Council of Toronto; and Jim Sinclair, President of the British Columbia Federation of Labour.

Minister of Labour David Forbes will address the delegation Thursday morning at 10:30 a.m.

“We are excited to celebrate our 50th Anniversary as a Federation, as a movement of working people dedicated to fairness and equality for all workers,” says Hubich.

The SFL Convention is open to the public and media. To see a detailed agenda of the Convention, please visit the www.sfl.sk.ca

The SFL represents 93,500 unionized workers from over 35 affiliated unions in Saskatchewan.

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