



# GSU Convention 2011

## Convention Bulletin 1

Wednesday, April 13, 2011

**To: GSU National Council and Local Presidents**

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

This is the first in a series of letters you will receive related to the GSU 2011 Triennial National Convention. We will number these Convention Bulletins consecutively to help you ensure you do not miss any.

This first Convention Bulletin contains the official Convention Call. It provides a great deal of information, so please read it carefully. Future Bulletins will provide more details on Accredited Delegates, Resolutions, as well as travel and accommodations.

Also enclosed with this Bulletin is a convention calendar to remind you of your deadlines and to let you know when to expect the distribution of convention documents.

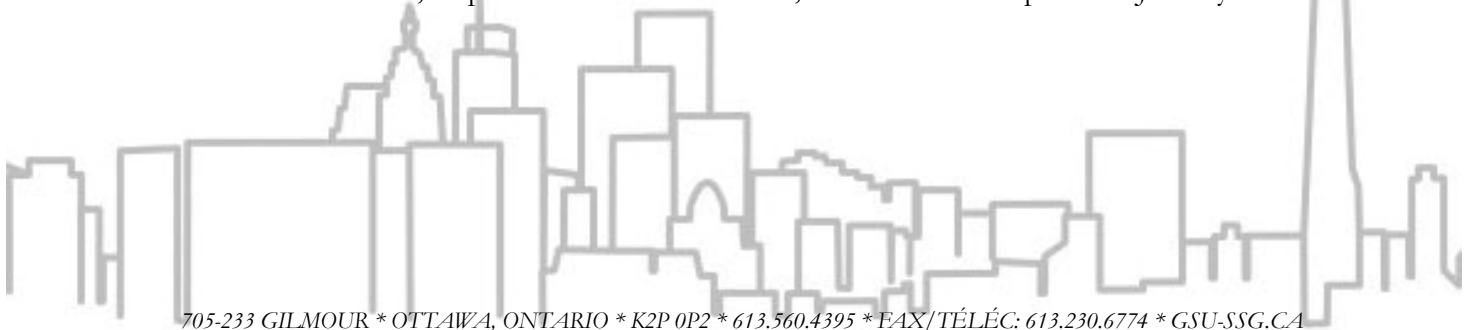
If you have any questions at all concerning the GSU Convention, please contact your Regional Vice-president or the GSU National Office.

In solidarity,

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cc: All Local Secretaries

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# Convention Call

## GSU Fourth Triennial National Convention

The Triennial National Convention of the Government Services Union, PSAC will be held at the Delta Chelsea Hotel in Toronto, from Tuesday, October 25, to Thursday, October 27, 2011.

### Purpose

**(Ref: GSU By-law 12, Section 1 and 3)**

The Convention is the supreme governing body of this Union. The Convention deals with resolutions and other matters properly brought before it, from Local meetings and from the National Council. The delegates at this Convention decide the general policies and the budget of the Union for the period between National Conventions, as well as electing the National and Regional Officers.

### Delegates

**(Ref: GSU By-law 12, Sections 2, 5, 6, and 7)**

Accredited Delegates from Locals and the members of the National Council attend this Convention. Local Delegates must be elected at a Local meeting. The delegate entitlement for each Local is calculated using a formula found in the GSU By-laws, as follows;

- *if the Local has up to 100 members – one delegate – the Local President*
- *if the Local has 101 to 300 members – two delegates*
- *if the Local has 301 to 500 members – three delegates*
- *if the Local has more than 500 members – three delegates plus one additional delegate for every additional 100 members or major fraction thereof.*

The membership list for May 2011 will be used for the official delegate count. Attached is a list showing Local Delegate entitlements based on the most recent Membership list available. You may use this list to estimate your Delegate entitlement. The official count for May 2011 will be issued as soon as we have it. Locals should also elect Alternate Delegates who will replace Accredited Delegates who are unable to attend the convention.

## Observers

### (Ref: GSU By-law 12, Section 15)

Locals may send Observers to Convention at their own expense. Alternate Delegates may also be Observers at Convention at their Local's cost. Observers may not vote nor participate in Convention debate.

## Delegate Expenses

### (Ref: GSU Regulation 4)

Accredited Delegates attending the Convention are entitled to compensation as follows:

- Reimbursement for loss of salary
- Travel time outside of regular working hours, at the straight time rate
- Hotel accommodations
- Per Diem allowance in accordance with the PSAC rates
- Day of Rest Pay for union work on a scheduled day of rest
- Transportation at the most economical rate
- Reimbursement of reasonable ground transportation costs
- Family care or allowance

## Resolutions

### (Ref: GSU By-law 12, Section 10)

Locals are entitled to submit resolutions to the Convention and the National Office will compile, translate, and distribute Resolutions to all Locals and accredited Delegates at least two months before the Convention. We will provide more information on resolutions and copies of the resolution form with a future Convention Countdown.

## Deadlines

### (Ref: GSU By-law 12, Sections 8, 10 and 11)

**Delegate Credentials**, as well as Alternate and Observer Credentials, must be received in the GSU National Office no later than **Jun 25, 2011**.

**Local Resolutions** must be received in the GSU National Office no later than **June 25, 2011**.

The deadline for Late Resolutions is October 18, 2011. Late Resolutions must first be accepted for consideration by the convention and will only be dealt with if all regular convention business has been completed.

Emergency Resolutions may be submitted at any time, but must first be accepted for consideration by the Convention.

## Voting

### **(Ref: GSU By-law 12 Section 16)**

All National Council members and all Local Accredited Delegates at Convention may vote. A quorum of the Convention is a simple majority of the accredited delegates for each session.

## Rules of Order

### **(Ref: GSU By-law 18, Section 2)**

The PSAC Rules of Order, which will govern this Convention, will be distributed to all Locals in the near future.

## Committees

### **(Ref: GSU By-law 12, Section 9)**

The GSU National Council will appoint Delegates to Convention Committees by August 25, 2011. Committee members will be notified of their appointment by September 13, and will receive the documents needed to complete their task.

At this Convention, there will be up to four resolutions committees (By-laws, Finance, General, and Structure) depending on the number and type of resolutions submitted by Locals. Each Convention Committee will consist of Delegates from Locals and National Council Officers. The Convention Committees will meet for up to three days before the Convention on October 23, 24 and 25.

## Delegates to the PSAC 2012 Convention

### **(Ref: GSU By-law 12, Section 14)**

The delegates at this GSU Convention will elect the Component's representatives to the PSAC Convention in 2012.

*La présente convocation du congrès est disponible en français. Si vous en voulez une copie, communiquez avec le bureau national du SSG.*

# Important Convention Dates

Here are some dates you will want to keep in mind.

<b>April 25, 2011</b>	The Convention Call will be distributed to all GSU Locals and the National Council
<b>May 2011</b>	The number of Delegates each Local can send to convention is calculated using this month's membership list.
<b>June 25, 2011</b>	The deadline for Locals to submit Delegate nomination forms and the deadline for Locals to submit Resolutions to the GSU National Office
<b>August 25, 2011</b>	Registered delegates will receive Convention Resolution Book
<b>September 13, 2011</b>	Convention Delegates will be notified if they are appointed to a Convention Committee
<b>October 18, 2011</b>	The deadline for receipt of late resolutions in the National Office
<b>October 21, 2011</b>	GSU National Council Meeting, Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
<b>October, 22, 23, 24, 2011</b>	Convention Resolutions Committees meet, Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
<b>October 25, 26, 27, 2011</b>	GSU 4th Triennial National Convention, Delta Chelsea Hotel, Toronto
<b>October 28, 2011</b>	First meeting of the new GSU National Council

**GSU Local membership numbers as of January 2011**

Local		Full members	Rand	Other	Total excluding Rand	Number of Delegates
Eastern Ontario	00026	13	5		13	1
Toronto	00027	213	32		213	2
Hamilton	00028	13	1		13	1
London	00031	12	1		12	1
Northern Ontario	00033	6			6	1
Québec City	10011	90	4		90	1
Québec	10015	25	2		25	1
Matane	10060	182	17	1	183	2
Montréal Rural	10141	27	1		27	1
Montréal	10161	230	11		230	2
Victoria	20001	76	6		76	1
Vancouver	20008	178	26		178	2
Edmonton & N. Alberta	30001	159	11	3	162	2
Calgary	30401	39	7		39	1
North West Territories	XPW75	20	3		20	1
Saskatchewan	40007	30	1		30	1
Manitoba	50002	120			120	2
Mint Winnipeg	50057	183	2		183	2
Saint John	60007	22	4		22	1
Moncton	60009	30	3	1	31	1
Shediac	60018	657	27	1	658	5
Services	70013*	797	194	11	808*	6
Corporate Safety & Security	70015*	245	20		245*	3
NCR - Headquarters	70019*	1036	133	3	1039*	8
Technicians & Trades	70020*	153	26		153*	2
Stationary Engineers	70023*	60	4		60*	1
Supply	70055*	210	105	2	212*	2
Communications	70707*	197	28	1	198*	2
Mint Ottawa	70024	295	35		295	2
Metcalf Realty	72000	4	2		4	1
Halifax Services	80019	47	2		47	1
Halifax	80052	205	9	5	210	2
St Johns, NL	90011	83			83	1
Charlottetown	90031	29			29	1

*\* Note: These numbers have been adjusted to include recent changes made to NCR Local jurisdictions. Final numbers will appear in the May 2011 Membership Lists.*