



2013 HSA Regional Meetings

July 2013

Dear HSA Chiefs, Assistants, General Stewards and Members-at-Large:

re: Chapter Delegates to the 2013 Regional Meetings and Education Workshops

I am pleased to provide the 2013 HSA regional meeting schedule, as well as information about the upcoming **bargaining preparation** that will be held in conjunction with this year's regional meetings.

The regional meetings and workshops will be held as follows, from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm each day:

Region	Regional Meeting Date and Location	Bargaining Preparation Workshop Date and Location
8	Monday, September 23 Coast Capri, Kelowna	Tuesday September 24 Coast Capri, Kelowna
9	Thursday, September 26 Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson	Friday, September 27 Prestige Lakeside Resort, Nelson
10	Thursday, October 3 Coast Inn of the North, Prince George	Friday, October 4 Coast Inn of the North, Prince George
1 & 2	Monday, October 7 Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, Parksville	Tuesday, October 8 Tigh-Na-Mara Resort, Parksville
4 & 6	Wednesday, October 9 Hyatt Regency, Vancouver	Thursday, October 10 Hyatt Regency, Vancouver
5	Monday, October 21 Hyatt Regency, Vancouver	Tuesday, October 22 HSA Office – Training Room
3 & 7	Thursday, October 24 Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel	Friday, October 25 Eaglequest Golf Course, Surrey

Regional meetings are an excellent forum for HSA members to review the issues and activities of the past year and to discuss opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Your Regional Director will chair your regional meeting.

This year, delegates in even-numbered regions (2, 4, 6, 8 and 10) will also elect Members-at-Large who will begin their term at the conclusion of the 2014 annual convention.

Please note that Members-at-Large are automatic delegates to regional meetings. If you are a current Member-at-Large, I ask that you come to the regional meeting prepared to give a brief report on your activities. If you are unable to attend this year's regional meeting, **please provide a brief written report for circulation**. Reports can be emailed to wscarrett@hsabc.org

HSA Labour Council delegates are eligible to attend the meeting, but will not have voting status if their Chapter's delegate entitlement is filled by other members. Wages and expenses will be reimbursed for only one delegate per Labour Council.

As your regional meeting is open to all HSA members, we have provided workplace bulletins to alert interested members. Please note only those members with delegate status will be reimbursed for lost time and expenses. **Please ensure that these bulletins are posted.**

Only online registration is available. To register, please go to: <http://events.hsabc.org/> and log in with your username and password. This link will also allow you to create a username and password if you do not already have one. **All delegates are requested to register online by the following dates:**

Region	Online Registration Opens	Registration Deadline
8	Tuesday, July 23	Thursday, September 5
9	Friday, July 26	Sunday, September 8
10	Friday, August 2	Sunday, September 15
1 & 2	Friday, August 7	Thursday, September 19
4 & 6	Monday, August 9	Sunday, September 22
5	Wednesday, August 21	Thursday, October 3
3 & 7	Friday, August 23	Sunday, October 6

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION

Each chapter is allotted a certain number of reimbursed delegates according to chapter size (minimum of 1). Please refer to the delegate entitlement form to confirm your chapters' numbers. If you are interested in attending the regional meeting, please confirm your eligibility with your Chief Steward. If eligible, you must register online only.

Chief Stewards will be electronically notified and approve online registration.

***** DELEGATE ENTITLEMENT IS THE SAME FOR THE EDUCATION WORKSHOPS WHICH WILL BE RELEVANT FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS, REGARDLESS OF WHICH SECTOR THEY WORK IN *****

Regional Meeting Delegate Entitlement

The Chief Steward is automatically a delegate to the Regional Meeting. Assistant, General, or Site Stewards should replace Chief Stewards who are unable to attend the Regional Meeting.

In Chapters with 49 or fewer members, the HSA Chief Steward or Alternate is automatically a Delegate. This is the only Chapter member allowed to vote at the Regional Meeting and the only member reimbursed for expenses related to attendance at the Regional Meeting.

Chapters with over 49 members are entitled to have an additional delegate for every 50 members (or portion thereof), as per Article 7, Section 5 of the Constitution.

An accompanying list specifies the number of delegates our records indicate each Chapter is entitled to send. If you have any questions about these figures, please contact my office.

These additional delegates must be:

1. Employed in the Chapter they seek to represent.
2. A member of HSA as per Article 5, Section 1(a) of the HSA Constitution.

In addition, Members-at-Large and Regional Directors are automatic delegates to the Regional Meetings and workshops, but must still register online.

All **delegates must register online by midnight on the deadline date listed above**. We require two weeks' notice to ensure room bookings. *(In the event that a delegate has to make alternate accommodation arrangements, HSA will only reimburse such delegates up to the cost that would have been incurred had the delegate registered by the deadline date).*

The Chief Steward should ensure each registrant is provided with the following online registration steps for the Regional and Advanced Disability Management Meetings:

To register, please go to:

1. <http://events.hsabc.org/> and log in with your username and password,
This link will also allow you to create a username and password if you do not already have one.
2. click on the appropriate regional meeting

Relevant HSA policies and forms applicable to this event can also be viewed at the HSA website.

Your co-operation is appreciated in ensuring that your Chapter is properly represented at these very important functions. For further information, please contact Wendy Scarrett at the HSA Office. We look forward to seeing you at the regional meeting!

In solidarity,



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President

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