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# 2017 HSA Regional Meetings

July/August 2017

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

#### re: Chapter Delegates to the 2017 Regional Meetings and Education Workshops

I am pleased to provide the 2017 HSA regional meeting schedule. Please take a moment to review the following Regional Meeting information on the HSA website: <u>HSA 2017 Regional Meetings</u>

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. This year, delegates in even-numbered regions will also elect members-at-large who will begin their term at the conclusion of the 2018 annual convention.

In addition, a bargaining proposal conference has been scheduled for December 3 to 5, 2017 in Vancouver for members covered by the HSPBA contract, and delegates to that conference will be elected to represent their Region at this September regional meeting. Members interested in serving on the bargaining committee are strongly encouraged to attend the regional meeting, and stand for election as a delegate to the December bargaining proposal conference, where in addition to considering proposals, delegates will elect a bargaining committee to participate in contract negotiations.

Your regional meeting is open to all HSA members. Please note only those members with delegate status are eligible for wage replacement and expenses related to attendance.

#### All delegates must register online by midnight of their registration date - attached.

Members-at-Large and Regional Directors are automatic delegates to the Regional Meetings.

The chief steward is automatically a delegate to the Regional Meeting. If the chief steward is unable to attend, an assistant, general, or site steward may be designated by the chief steward to participate.

Chapters with 49 or fewer members are not entitled to any additional voting delegates.

Chapters with more than 49 members are entitled to have an additional delegate for every additional 50 members. The delegate entitlement is listed by chapter on the HSA website under each regional meeting event.

HSA members who serve as delegates to their local labour council are eligible to attend the HSA Regional Meeting with voice but no vote. Wages and expenses will be reimbursed for only one delegate per labour council. These members may alternatively attend the regional meeting as a delegate from their chapter, in which case they have voice and vote.

Constituency Liaisons are also encouraged to attend the regional meetings. Up to two constituency liaisons may attend per region with voice but no vote, with lost wages and expenses being covered. They may also alternatively attend the meeting as a delegate from their chapter.

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The Chief Steward should ensure each registrant is provided with the following online registration steps for the Regional Meeting and accompanying education workshop. **To register, please go to:** 

- 1. <a href="http://events.hsabc.org/">http://events.hsabc.org/</a> 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
- 3. You will receive a confirmation email from HSA finalizing your registration once it has been verified by the chief steward.

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

The education workshops are open only to delegates to the Regional Meetings.

In solidarity,

Val Avery

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**HSA Regional Meeting Registration Dates**