



CANADIAN
FEDERATION
OF NURSES
UNIONS

To: Angela Preocanin, Secretary-Treasurer, CFNU
National Officers, CFNU
Member Organizations

Date: December 13, 2024

From: Linda Silas, President, CFNU

Subject: 22nd Biennial Convention 2025 – Niagara Falls, Ontario

In preparation for the CFNU 2025 Biennial Convention, please find attached the following information packages:

- Notice of the 22nd Biennial Convention
- Convention resolutions information
- Nominations, elections, voting procedures
- Constitutional amendment information
- Bread and Roses Award nomination form
- Travel information
- Convention expenses and accommodations

Details and updates for the Convention shall be circulated and posted to the CFNU website www.nursesunions.ca as plans are finalized.

Plan now for a large representation of your membership in Niagara Falls with our host, the Ontario Nurses' Association.

In solidarity always,

Linda Silas
President

NOTICE OF CONVENTION

Pursuant to Article 7.01(c) of the *Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions Constitution*, Notice of the 22nd Biennial Convention is hereby circulated.

ARTICLE 7 – CONVENTIONS

7.01	A) The Biennial Convention of the Federation shall be held every two (2) years. B) The Convention shall be the supreme governing body of the Federation. The time and place of the Biennial Convention shall be determined by the Board. C) Notice of the time and place of the Convention shall be circulated to all Member Organizations of the Federation one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the commencement of the Convention.
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CFNU 22nd Biennial Convention

Dates: June 2, 2025 - Registration
June 3, 2025 - Educational seminar
June 4, 2025 - Educational seminar
June 5, 2025 - Business session
June 6, 2025 - Business session

Place: Niagara Falls Convention Centre
6815 Stanley Avenue
Niagara Falls, L2G 3Y9

Hotel information on page 17.

RESOLUTIONS

Article 7.08 of the Constitution states:

- A) Resolutions to the Federation may be submitted by any member of the Federation. Resolutions must be received at the Federation office at least ninety (90) days before the opening date of the Convention. Resolutions shall be circulated to all Member Organizations at least forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the Convention.
- B) Emergent resolutions will be accepted at the Convention up to the deadline established on the agenda.

- A. Please find enclosed Resolution Forms. Resolutions are the means by which direction is given and priorities established for the mandate of the National Executive Board to carry out during the next two (2) years.
- B. Resolutions must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at the office of the Federation by **MARCH 7, 2025**.
- C. Resolutions should be submitted by **EMAIL** to convention@nursesunions.ca.
- D. All resolutions received in the CFNU office will be distributed to members of the Resolutions Committee by **MARCH 14, 2025**.
- E. Members of the Committee shall review the resolutions, clarify intent by contacting the mover, edit the resolutions if necessary, and forward resolutions to the Federation office prior to **MARCH 21, 2025**.
- F. The Federation shall circulate all resolutions received from the Resolutions Committee to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 18, 2025**.

If there are any questions, please contact the CFNU Office at 1-800-321-9821.

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RESOLUTION FORM

WHEREAS,

WHEREAS,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

Submitted by: _____

NOMINATIONS, ELECTIONS, VOTING PROCEDURES

Article 9.01 of the Constitution states:

9.01 The President and Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected at each regular Convention. Nominations for the position of President and Secretary-Treasurer must be received in writing by the Federation, showing the mover and seconder of the nomination at least ninety (90) days prior to the commencement of the Convention, and the Ticket of Nominations shall be circulated to all Member Organizations at least forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the Convention.

- A. Please find enclosed Nominations Forms to be completed when nominating a candidate for the position of President and Secretary-Treasurer.
- B. Nominations must be submitted in writing including mover and seconder and the written consent of the nominee. Please include a résumé with each nomination including union involvement, employment summary and any other community involvement. The deadline for receipt of nomination in the CFNU Office is **MARCH 7, 2025**.
- C. Submit nomination applications and résumés by **EMAIL** to convention@nursesunions.ca.
- D. All nominations received in the CFNU office will be distributed to members of the Nominations Committee by **MARCH 14, 2025**.
- E. Members of the Nominations Committee will prepare the Ticket of Nominations and the Ballots. Names shall appear in alphabetical order, last name first, on the Ticket of Nominations and on the Ballot. This information will be submitted to the CFNU Office prior to **MARCH 21, 2025**.
- F. The Federation shall circulate the Ticket of Nominations to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 18, 2025**.

G. VOTING AND ATTENDANCE

Voting is to be limited to Voting Delegates and members of the National Executive Board. However, every member of the CFNU may attend and participate in convention activities.

PLEASE NOTE: ANY MEMBER ORGANIZATION THREE MONTHS IN ARREARS FOR PER CAPITA TAX IS NOT ENTITLED RECOGNITION OR REPRESENTATION.

NUMBERS OF VOTING DELEGATES PER MEMBER ORGANIZATION TO BE CALCULATED ON DECEMBER 2024 DUES PAID.

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NOMINATION FORM

I, _____, a member in good standing of the

(name of member organization)

do nominate _____

who is a member in good standing of the

(name of member organization)

for the election to the membership on the National Executive Board as

(position)

for the 2025-2027 Biennial.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

Moved by (signature)

member of (union)

Seconded by (signature)

member of (union)

I, _____, do hereby consent to accept nomination for the

position of _____ of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions.

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20____

(signature)

(member organization)

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2025 ELECTED OFFICER CANDIDATE FORM

NAME OF
CANDIDATE: _____

POSITION RUNNING FOR: _____

PARTICULARS OF UNION INVOLVEMENT: _____

EMPLOYMENT
SUMMARY: _____

OTHER IMPORTANT
PARTICULARS:

If you wish to complete this form electronically, contact the CFNU office at convention@nursesunions.ca.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Articles 16.01 and 16.02 of the CFNU Constitution state:

16.01 The Constitution of the Federation may be amended by the Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote. Amendments to the Constitution can be submitted by the Board or by Member Organizations.

Amendments must be submitted to the Federation at least ninety (90) days prior to the opening day of the Convention and must be circulated to all Member Organizations at least forty-five (45) days prior to the commencement of the Convention.

16.02 All constitutional amendments shall, unless otherwise specified, take effect immediately after they are adopted.

- A. Constitutional Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at the Office of the Federation by **MARCH 7, 2025**.
- B. Amendments must be submitted by **EMAIL** to convention@nursesunions.ca.
- C. The Amendments received in the CFNU Office will be distributed to members of the Constitution Committee by **MARCH 14, 2025**.
- D. Members of the Constitution Committee shall review the proposed amendments, clarify intent by contacting the proposer and edit the amendments, if necessary, and forward amendments to the Federation Office by **MARCH 21, 2025**.
- E. The Federation shall circulate all Constitutional Amendments to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 18, 2025**.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT FORM

CURRENT LANGUAGE	PROPOSED CHANGE	RATIONALE

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**BREAD AND ROSES AWARD
2024 & 2025 NOMINATION FORM**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CFNU BREAD & ROSES AWARD

Who can nominate candidates for the CFNU Bread & Roses Award?

A candidate for this award must be an active member of a provincial nurses' union affiliated to the CFNU during the year for which the member is nominated. A candidate may be nominated by the National Executive Board, Member Organizations, Boards/Councils, or individual members of Member Organizations on forms available from the Member Organization's office, from the CFNU office (1-800-321-9821), or from the CFNU website at www.nursesunions.ca.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **March 7, 2025**. Send nomination forms to the attention of: CFNU Bread and Roses Committee, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8X7.

How is the award recipient determined?

The CFNU Bread & Roses Committee will review the nominations and determine the successful candidate(s).

Announcement of the successful candidate

The name of the successful candidate for 2024 and 2025 will be announced at the CFNU 22nd Biennial Convention in June 2025.

What does the successful candidate receive?

Besides formal recognition, the candidate will receive the Bread & Roses Award, a certificate and flowers.

Please note: An award for each year 2024 and 2025 will be presented at the 2025 CFNU 22nd Biennial Convention.

In addition to the space indicated, nominators may attach additional sheets to complete the sections in full.

NOMINEE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Union, Local (if applicable): _____

Nominated by: _____

NOMINEE'S RELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BACKGROUND

1. Describe the nominee's sustained involvement in the following union activities:

(a) Service to the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions or a CFNU Member Organization:

(b) Representing a provincial nurses' union or the CFNU in the activities of other related organizations:

(c) Working to advance the CFNU or its Member Organizations at the provincial or national levels:

2. Describe the nominee's demonstrated leadership in the following activities:

(a) Influencing the growth of CFNU Member Organizations through policy and decision-making, enhancing public awareness, participating in positive media and other public events:

(b) Organizing nurses and others to lobby governments on legislation and other issues affecting the labour movement:

(c) Contributing to the growth of the organization through spearheading the organization of education or other initiatives:

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**PUBLIC BREAD AND ROSES AWARD
2024 & 2025 NOMINATION FORM**

INFORMATION ABOUT THE CFNU PUBLIC BREAD & ROSES AWARD

Who can nominate candidates for the CFNU Public Bread & Roses Award?

A candidate for this award is not a member of a provincial nurses' union affiliated to the CFNU during the year for which the candidate is nominated. A candidate may be nominated by the National Executive Board, Member Organizations, Boards/Councils, or individual members of Member Organizations on forms available from the Member Organization's office, from the CFNU office (1-800-321-9821), or from the CFNU website at www.cfnu.ca.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is **March 7, 2025**. Send nomination forms to the attention of: CFNU Bread and Roses Committee, 2841 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K1V 8X7. Completed forms can also be e-mailed to convention@nursesunions.ca or faxed to 613-526-1023.

How is the award recipient determined?

The CFNU Bread & Roses Committee will review the nominations and determine the successful candidate(s).

Announcement of the successful candidate

The name of the successful candidate for 2024 and 2025 will be announced at the CFNU 22nd Biennial Convention in June 2025.

What does the successful candidate receive?

Besides formal recognition, the candidate will receive the Public Bread & Roses Award.

Please note: An award for each year 2024 and 2025 will be presented at the 2025 CFNU 22nd Biennial Convention.

In addition to the space indicated, nominators may attach additional sheets to complete the sections in full.

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NOMINEE'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Union, Local (if applicable): _____

Nominated by: _____

NOMINEE'S RELEVANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND BACKGROUND

1. Describe how the nominee has advocated for public Medicare or universal health care.

2. Describe how the nominee has demonstrated active support for nurses' issues at the national and international level.



The Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions (CFNU) has appointed **Air Canada** as the official airline for the 22nd Biennial Convention in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

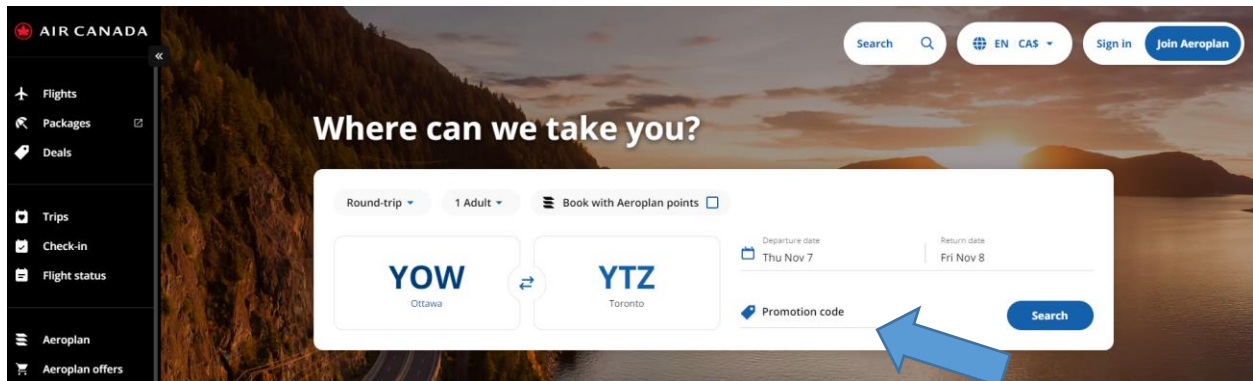
Actual Convention days

June 3-4, 2025 – Educational workshops

June 5-6, 2025 – Business sessions

The Convention number assigned: TFA26XJ1

This is a promotion code for the convention. To book a flight to Toronto airports with your promotion code, access www.aircanada.com and enter your promotion code in the search panel.



By ensuring that the convention number appears on your ticket, you will be supporting your national union, the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions and Air Canada, a unionized carrier.

Thank You!

Niagara Falls Travel Options

Here are options for provincial groups and delegates to travel from Toronto to Niagara Falls.

[Toronto Airport Transportation – Getting to and from Pearson | Pearson Airport](#)

[Niagara Airbus](#)

Member Org/local/delegates can book and pay online with bus company.

Approximate cost

Individual - \$210

13 person bus – \$920

15 person bus - \$1,020

23 person bus – \$1,200

[Coach Bus Charter Toronto | Reliable Coach Bus Rental](#)

56 passenger coach bus from Pearson to Niagara Falls is \$950 per transfer

Buses would need to be arranged by Member Org/local

[GO Transit | Regional Public Transit Service for the GTHA](#)

\$42 for return trip, but can only book a week ahead of trip

[FlixBus: Low-Cost Bus Travel in Canada](#)

Can buy tickets in advance

Travel from Pearson airport or Union Station

\$40-50 return trip

[VIA Rail Canada: Train travel in Canada](#)

Via rail from Union Station

\$65-82 return trip

[Buffalo Airport Taxi](#)

\$95 US each way (set fare)

Car rental from any airport

Shortest trip is from Buffalo International airport

Cost varies

Taxi from Pearson airport

\$239 each way



CONVENTION EXPENSES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

EXPENSES

Expenses for Voting Delegates and Non-Voting Delegates are the responsibility of the Member Organizations.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Convention Delegates who are not elected officers of the National Executive Board must make their own hotel accommodations through whatever means determined by the provincial union office. Member Organizations and individuals are requested to make hotel reservations directly with one of the designated Convention hotels.

<p>Marriott on the Falls</p> 	<p>Marriott on the Falls 6755 Fallsview Blvd Niagara Falls, ON, L2G 3W6</p> <p>Phone: 1-905-374-1077 Reservations: 1-800-519-9911</p> <p>Online reservation: Book your group rate for CFNU</p> <p>Group name: CFN</p> <p>Room rate: \$185, \$215 and \$235/night Cut-off reservation date: May 2, 2025</p>
<p>Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa</p> 	<p>Marriott Fallsview Hotel & Spa 6740 Fallsview Blvd Niagara Falls, ON, L2G 3W6</p> <p>Phone: 1-905-357-7300 Reservations: 1-800-519-9911</p> <p>Online reservation: Book your group rate for CFNU</p> <p>Group name: CFN</p> <p>Room rate: \$305 and \$335/night Cut-off reservation date: May 2, 2025</p>

Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites



Hilton Niagara Falls/Fallsview Hotel & Suites

6361 Fallsview Boulevard
Niagara Falls, ON L2G 3V9

Phone: 1-905-354-7887
Reservations: 1-866-873-9829

Online reservation: [Book your group rate for CFNU](#)

Group name: **Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions**

Room rate: \$189 and 219/night
Cut-off reservation date: May 1, 2025

Hotel parking services: Convention delegates who will be driving their own vehicles are responsible for their parking charges.

It is recommended that a letter of authorization be sent to the Convention Hotel from each Member Organization, indicating mode of payment for the respective attending members, specifying if total bills are to be paid or if incidentals are to be the responsibility of individuals.

The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) Planning Committee has already spent many hours planning for an enjoyable stay for all voting delegates, members and guests.

The National Executive Board has planned an exciting program of educational and business sessions and will be available to personally meet and welcome all Convention delegates.

The Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) is pleased to host the 2025 CFNU Biennium.

Complete registration by May 5, 2024. Plan now to attend!

Please make frequent visits to the CFNU website for updates and information.

CFNU website: www.nursesunions.ca