

Convention Update Convention Update

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Main Venue: Centennial High School

55 Sun Valley Blvd SE

Other Venues: Viscount Bennett Centre

2519 Richmond Road SW

Erlton Campus 24 - 28 Avenue SW

Westside Recreation Centre

2000 - 69 Street SW Clay for Kids Calgary 2083 - 146 Avenue SE

When: Thursday, February 16 & Friday, February 17, 2017

Message from Sue, our Convention Coordinator...

You may have noticed that our main venue has changed for 2017. Convention is a huge undertaking and, unfortunately, we were placed in a position where we had to make the difficult decision over that past couple of weeks to change our venue. I am pleased to announce that our main venue for 2017 will be Centennial High School as they were gracious enough to welcome us back once again! We will be offering additional sessions at Viscount Bennett Centre, Erlton Campus, Westside Recreation Centre and Clay for Kids Calgary to alleviate some of the congestion at the main venue.

Convention is a great opportunity for you, our member, to network, share and learn new content as well as building new friendships with colleagues.

Article 10 - Attending SA's Convention

Article 10 - Staff Association Convention

10.1 Continuous and term-specific employees will be allowed at least two (2) days, with pay, to attend the annual Staff Association Convention unless operational/work requirements prevent the absence from work of an employee for both days, in which case the employee will be allowed at least one (1) day, with pay, to attend. Employees not required to work either of the days of the Staff Association Convention shall not be entitled to receive additional compensation for time spent at the Staff Association Convention.

Please note: Continuous employees - if you are not at work you are expected to attend Convention. If you are not at Convention, you need to have made alternate arrangements with your immediate supervisor as you are paid for the two days during Convention.

Create Your Profile

New and existing employees, please remember to create your profile on-line through our 'Member Log-In' on our Website (www.staffassociation.ca) to gain access to the Convention brochure and register for sessions.

If you require assistance setting-up your profile, please contact Sue (403.242.7555 ext. 3 - sue@staffassociation.ca) or Dawn (403.242.7555 ext. 0 - dawn@staffassociation.ca).

2017 Convention On-Line Brochure / Registration

- ❖ Convention Sessions will be published on-line for "VIEWING" only on or before Friday, December 16, 2016 at 6:00 pm. Please select the red 'Member log-in' button on the right hand side of our Website's homepage (www.staffassociation.ca) then select the *My Convention* tab to view all convention session information.
- ❖ On-line Convention registration will begin on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
 - ➤ The registration process has been modified to handle increased traffic on our network during the on-line registration process. Our fingers are crossed that registration will go off without a hitch!!!

Do You Require A Sign Language Interpreter?

If you require a Sign Language Interpreter so that you can attend Convention, please let Dawn (<u>dawn@staffassociation.ca</u>) know the number of sessions that you are interested in taking by Friday, January 6, 2017 so that she can make arrangements for you.

Convention General Information

Convention General Information will be available on our Website by Friday, December 16th under the *Convention* tab on our homepage, then scrolling to the right of the screen and clicking on *Convention Information*.



On behalf of the Convention Committee, we wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season, and a happy and healthy New Year.

We are looking forward to seeing you all in February!

Sue