

Welcome to your Provincial Division of CUPE

Information for Local Unions
on the benefits of Affiliation.

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What does CUPE Saskatchewan offer our Local with affiliation?



Annual Convention

Each year in March, CUPE Saskatchewan holds its Annual Convention. Delegates from affiliated Local Unions gather to set the direction and determine priorities for the year ahead, hear reports on the vital work being done by our union's provincial division, elect members to leadership positions within CUPE Saskatchewan, approve budgets, and engage in important discussions on the issues facing CUPE members and the public services we provide.



All Presidents' Meetings

CUPE Saskatchewan hosts meetings to bring together the Presidents and officers of Local Unions across the province to provide updates on political and legislative changes, campaign activities and to hear from local leaders.



Conferences & Events

CUPE Saskatchewan hosts conferences and events throughout the year with a provincial focus to build activism, awareness and union empowerment.



Event Trailer Bookings

CUPE Saskatchewan is actively involved in outreach and maintains an event trailer complete with large tents, barbeque and snow cone machine to host community events throughout the year. CUPE Saskatchewan partners with Local Unions to host community events and can assist with membership events.



Small Local Assistance

CUPE Saskatchewan provides Small Local Assistance annually to Local Unions with fifty (50) full-time equivalent members or less to help with the costs of attending convention, conferences or other CUPE Saskatchewan hosted events. The fund provides reimbursement up to \$1,250. Local Unions can access the fund up to two (2) times per calendar year. Local Unions must have a dues structure of no less than 1.5% and be affiliated to CUPE Saskatchewan.



Small Local Technology Fund

CUPE Saskatchewan will reimburse affiliated Local Unions of fifty (50) full-time equivalent members or less up to two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250) each per calendar year for the purchase of software, digital subscription services, or electronic equipment meant for member communication and Local management. As with Small Local Assistance, Local Unions must be affiliated to CUPE Saskatchewan and have a dues structure of no less than 1.5%.



Campaigns & Publications

At CUPE Saskatchewan, we have campaigns and activities going on throughout the year for member involvement and to further union activism. We also have many resources, fact sheets and publications available on issues important to members and the public services they provide.



Province-wide Reach

CUPE Saskatchewan maintains an active media presence and online presence through its website and social media. Your Local Union can have its communications and issues reach a larger audience and shared with the network of locals and activists across the province.

Why should our Local Union affiliate ?

When CUPE Local Unions stand together, the strength of our membership allows us to be a powerful voice.

Locals know we are all affected by the privatization of public services, the weakening of workplace rights, and the decisions or mandates of governments.

With affiliation to the Saskatchewan Division of CUPE, your Local Union can build strength and be part of solidarity that has a province-wide reach.

There can be no more important reason to affiliate than to stand together for our members.

CUPE Saskatchewan unites Local Unions across the province and works at the provincial level for legislative, policy and political change. Together, we stand up for fairness, resist the privatization of public services, defend workers' rights and improve the political environment for collective bargaining. CUPE Saskatchewan hosts community engagement events, coordinates campaigns and activism across sectors within the union and across the province, and locals are provided additional resources and educational opportunities.

How does affiliation to the division work?

CUPE Saskatchewan's office is a hub of activity devoted to locals. CUPE Local Unions voluntarily affiliate to the provincial division of CUPE — known as CUPE Saskatchewan. Each month, locals pay affiliation dues to CUPE Saskatchewan that fund its operations, activities, publications, research and public events held across the province.

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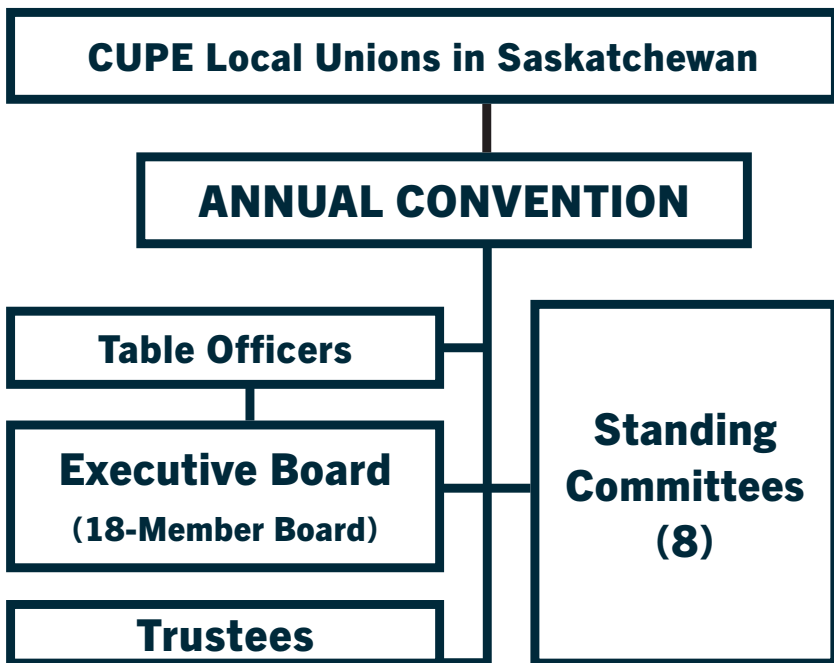
Refer to the brochure:

How Provincial Division Affiliation Works for your Local Union — an explanation of affiliation dues.

About CUPE Saskatchewan and its structure

CUPE Saskatchewan is a provincial division of the Canadian Union of Public Employees.

CUPE Saskatchewan unites CUPE Local Unions to speak with one strong collective voice, working at the provincial level for legislative, policy, and political change on issues affecting CUPE members and the public services they provide each and every day.



Annual Convention: CUPE Local Unions voluntarily affiliate to CUPE Saskatchewan Division and send delegates to the Annual Convention where elections are held for leadership positions, reports are received, and resolutions are passed determining the direction and priorities for the year ahead.

Table Officers: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Secretary-Treasurer. Positions are two-year terms elected at the Annual Convention on a rotating basis in even and odd numbered years.

Executive Board: Table Officers; Indigenous Executive Member, LGBTQ2+ Executive Member; Racialized Executive Member; Worker with Disability Executive Member; Young Worker Executive Member and Sectoral Members including: Boards and Agencies Sector Member, Community Based Organizations Sector Member, Education Sector Member, Health Care Sector Members (two positions), Library Sector Member, Local 600 Member, Municipal Sector Member and University Sector Member.

Positions are two-year terms elected at the Annual Convention on a rotating basis in even and odd numbered years. In even-numbered years, the Indigenous Executive Member is elected at the annual Indigenous Peoples' Conference. The Executive Board governs CUPE Saskatchewan between Conventions and carries out the decisions made at Convention.

Trustees: Three trustees ensure financial controls are in place and financial statements are accurate. Positions are three-year terms, with one position elected at each Annual Convention.

Standing Committees: CUPE Saskatchewan has eight standing committees. Standing Committees are advisory bodies to the Executive Board of CUPE Saskatchewan, acting as a resource on policies, issues and programs. Elections are regularly held in even-numbered years at the Annual Convention and appointments in odd-numbered years following the Annual Convention. The Indigenous Council membership is elected from the annual CUPE Saskatchewan Indigenous Peoples' Conference.

Staff: CUPE Saskatchewan employs two staff members to support its officers and Executive Board, and to carry out its office administration, operations and activities.

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