

UNIONS ARE WORKERS STANDING TOGETHER



**THE SASKATCHEWAN
FEDERATION OF LABOUR**

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SOME OF WHAT THE SFL DOES

- Promotes union membership, union pride and the use of union-produced goods and services
- Organizes conferences including occupational health and safety, pensions, pay equity, youth issues, racism, women, privatization, fair taxes, political action, organizing and the environment
- Works with organizations such as social justice and anti-poverty groups, health coalitions, farm groups, senior and student organizations on issues of common concern
- Undertakes major campaigns on issues such as labour law reform, with television, radio, newspaper and magazine ads and pamphlets delivered to hundreds of thousands of citizens
- Researches, writes and presents briefs setting out Labour's position at public hearings, inquiries and commissions
- Conducts public opinion surveys
- Lobbies and implements public education campaigns to improve labour legislation and other laws affecting workers
- Organizes major rallies and demonstrations
- Raises Labour's profile and priorities at public meetings and on the media. Promotes a positive image of unions across all of society

HOW THE SFL OPERATES

Once a year the unions affiliated to the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour elect delegates and send them to a convention. The annual convention is the supreme governing body of the SFL. Resolutions passed by delegates form the basis of Federation policies and programs.

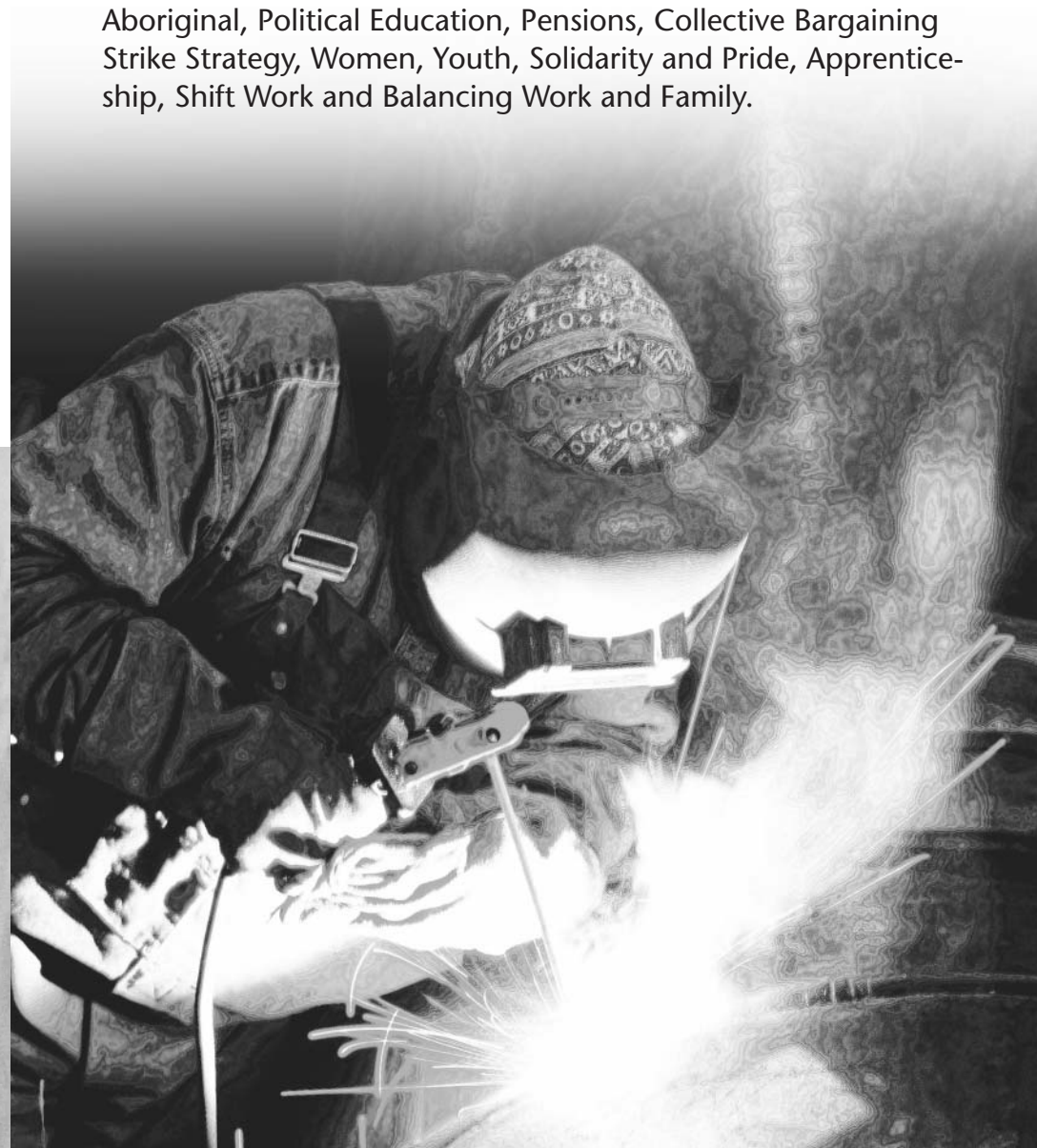
SFL convention delegates elect an Executive Council, which serves a two year term, and includes a President, Treasurer and Recording Secretary.

Vice-presidents are elected by the affiliates in their delegate caucuses and ratified by the convention. Seven Labour Council representatives from the province's urban centers also serve on the SFL Executive.

The SFL has working committees which include Occupational Health and Safety, Human Rights, Education, Environment, Aboriginal, Political Education, Pensions, Collective Bargaining Strike Strategy, Women, Youth, Solidarity and Pride, Apprenticeship, Shift Work and Balancing Work and Family.

WHY UNION LOCALS JOIN THE SFL

- You would be joining an organization that represents over 90,000 Saskatchewan working people
- As part of the SFL you have a stronger voice to influence labour legislation, government policies and other issues which affect your union's members
- The SFL is growing steadily as more and more workers and locals recognize the benefits of speaking with one voice
- Affiliating to the Federation leaves intact the autonomy of your union in bargaining, organizing, job action and all other routine union activities
- You would have direct access to the resources of the SFL and its affiliates for practical and financial support if you go on strike or are locked out
- You would be able to take part in SFL educational conferences and training seminars on workplace issues and broader social and economic concerns
- The research resources of the Federation would be available to your union
- Through the SFL you can get your message out to the whole of the labour movement, and via SFL media contacts to the general public
- SFL dues amount to less than a cup of coffee a month. The per capita assessment is just 90 cents per month



UNIONS WITH LOCALS AFFILIATED TO THE SFL

- Alliance of Canadian Cinema Television & Radio Artists
- Amalgamated Transit Union
- American Federation of Musicians
- Bakery, Confectionery and Tobacco Workers Union
- Canadian Auto Workers
- Canadian Office and Professional Employees Union
- Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association
- Canadian Union of Postal Workers
- Canadian Union of Public Employees
- Communications, Energy and Paperworkers
- Grain Services Union
- Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers Union
- International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees
- International Association of Fire Fighters
- International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- International Union of Operating Engineers
- International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
- Ironworkers Union
- Millwrights Union
- The Newspaper Guild
- Public Service Alliance of Canada
- Retail, Wholesale and Department Store Union
- Saskatchewan Federation of Union Retirees/CURC
- Saskatchewan Government & General Employees Union
- Saskatchewan Union of Nurses
- Service Employees International Union
- Sheet Metal Workers International Association
- Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (formerly BLE)
- United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters
- United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners
- United Food and Commercial Workers
- United Mine Workers of America
- United Needletrades and Industrial Textile Employees/Hotel Employees, Restaurant Employees International Union
- United Steelworkers
- United Transportation Union

HOW DOES A UNION JOIN THE SASKATCHEWAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR?

1

Individual union members discuss affiliation within their local.

2

Support develops to a point where the local votes on the issue.

3

If the decision is to affiliate, the leadership of the union notifies the Federation and arrangements are made.

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