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## CFNU/2021

**To:** Pauline Worsfold, Secretary-Treasurer, CFNU  
National Officers, CFNU  
Member Organizations

**Date:** December 17, 2020

**From:** Linda Silas, President, CFNU

**Subject:** 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention 2021 – Virtual

In preparation for the CFNU 2021 Biennial Convention, please find attached the following information packages:

- Notice of the 20<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention
- Convention Resolutions Information
- Nominations, Elections, Voting Procedures
- Constitutional Amendment Information
- Bread and Roses Award Nomination Form

Details and updates for the Convention shall be circulated and posted to the CFNU website [www.nursesunions.ca](http://www.nursesunions.ca) as plans are finalized.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20th Biennial Convention**

Dates: June 8, 2021 - Business Session

June 9, 2021 - Business Session

Place: Virtual

**Complete registration by May 8, 2021.**

Plan now to attend!

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

CFNU website: [www.nursesunions.ca](http://www.nursesunions.ca)

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## 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.*

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.

Resolutions must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at the office of the Federation by **MARCH 10, 2021**.

Resolutions should be in writing and submitted by **REGISTERED MAIL** to the office of the Federation.

All resolutions received in the CFNU office by registered mail will be distributed to members of the Resolutions Committee by **MARCH 19, 2021**.

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 26, 2021**.

The Federation shall circulate all resolutions received from the Resolutions Committee to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 23, 2021**.

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

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**RESOLUTION FORM**

**Whereas,**

**Whereas,**

**Resolved that,**

**FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT,**

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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.*

Please find enclosed Nominations Forms to be completed when nominating a candidate for the position of President and Secretary-Treasurer.

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. Deadline for receipt of nomination in the CFNU Office is **MARCH 10, 2021**.

Submit nomination applications and résumés by **REGISTERED MAIL**.

All nominations received in the CFNU office by registered mail will be distributed to members of the Nominations Committee by **MARCH 19, 2021**.

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 26, 2021**.

The Federation shall circulate the Ticket of Nominations to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 23, 2021**.

### 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 2020 dues paid.

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

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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 2021-2023 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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**2021 ELECTED OFFICER CANDIDATE FORM**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION RUNNING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PARTICULARS OF UNION INVOLVEMENT:

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EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY:

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OTHER IMPORTANT PARTICULARS:

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If you wish to complete this form electronically, contact the CFNU office at [convention@nursesunions.ca](mailto:convention@nursesunions.ca).



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## 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.*

Constitutional Amendments must be submitted in writing to the Secretary-Treasurer at the Office of the Federation by **MARCH 10, 2021**.

Amendments must be submitted by **REGISTERED MAIL**.

The Amendments received in the CFNU Office by Registered Mail will be distributed to members of the Constitution Committee by **MARCH 19, 2021**.

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 26, 2021**.

The Federation shall circulate all Constitutional Amendments to all Member Organizations by **APRIL 23, 2021**.

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**2021 CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT FORM**

<b>CURRENT LANGUAGE</b>	<b>PROPOSED CHANGE</b>	<b>RATIONALE</b>

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BREAD AND ROSES AWARD  
2020 & 2021 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](http://www.nursesunions.ca).

Deadline for receipt of nominations is **March 10, 2021**. 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 2020 and 2021 will be announced at the CFNU 20th Biennial Convention in June 2021.

**What does the successful candidate receive?**

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

**Please note:** An award for each year 2020 and 2021 will be presented at the 2021 CFNU 20th 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 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  
2020 & 2021 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](http://www.cfnu.ca).

Deadline for receipt of nominations is **March 10, 2021**. 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](mailto: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 2020 and 2021 will be announced at the CFNU 20th Biennial Convention in June 2021.

**What does the successful candidate receive?**

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

Please note: An award for each year 2020 and 2021 will be presented at the 2021 CFNU 20th 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.