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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF NURSES UNIONS



June 2025

Dear colleagues and friends,

Welcome to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention of the CFNU. If this is your first CFNU convention, a very special welcome and, as they say, hold on to your bootstraps. 😌

The opportunity that your nurses' unions (RNUNL, PEINU, NSNU, NBNU, ONA, MNU, SUN, UNA and BCNU) gives you to get together, to strategize, to speak your truth and to give your



national federation direction for the next two years is an opportunity you don't want to miss. As per our constitution, the CFNU Convention is the highest decision-making body of our organization, very similar to your unions, but the NEB sees it more than a constitutional obligation, it is our greatest platform to listen, to learn and to reenergize.

The convention floor will be filled with nurses, unions activists, nursing students from every corner of our country. There is no one better to defend nurses, to defend our health care system or our country than Canada's union nurses. This is what you will experience this week; the saying "Elbows up!" is kind of natural for us. 😳 By the time you get your convention package and read this message, the federal election will be over, and your National Executive Board will have already started to plan what's next!

This Biennial has the theme *All In!* to make sure no one is left behind and that we are always moving forward together – so come and say "bonjour"! To the members of the NEB, we always appreciate seeing you, hearing from you, or for a selfie here and there. 😊

The host of our 22<sup>nd</sup> Biennial Convention is the Ontario Nurses' Association, a union with 68,000 proud members. The ONA team has been working on this since before the end of the last convention, and we could not ask for a better host. They have many surprises for us starting with the Healthy Walk on Monday June 2 at 2:30pm.

Once again, on behalf of the NEB, welcome and mostly thank you for giving us your time and energy.

Have a great week!

In solidarity always,

Linda Silas, President Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions







Linda Silas President













## National Executive Board



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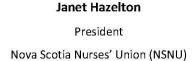
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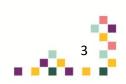














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## **CFNU** Team



This is your staff team... what I call the magicians behind the curtain. 😂

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