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Status of Women Outreach Workshops
April 9-10, 2010 – Toronto
April 30-May 1, 2010 – Thunder Bay

To: District/Bargaining Unit Presidents
From: Ken Coran, President

For Action

The provincial Status of Women Committee is holding the next two Outreach Workshops this spring. The first is scheduled for April 9-10, 2010 in Toronto; the second on April 30-May 1, 2010 in Thunder Bay. These workshops are held on a rotating basis in years when there is no SW Conference. A list of the districts involved this year is included in the attached package of materials. Please note that the SW Outreach Workshop for francophone members will be organized as an extension of the triennial SW Conference taking place next November 2010. This decision was made following consultation with the Comité des Services en Langue Française (CSLF) and taking notice of the francophone symposia organized for February and May this spring.

If your district is part of this year's SW Outreach workshops, please pass this information on to your Status of Women Officer and members of your Status of Women Committee. Encourage other members who may be interested in the work of Status of Women to attend if there is currently no active committee in your district.

For more information, contact Margaret McPhail at the provincial office.

Thank you for your support.

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To: Status of Women Officers
 Status of Women Committee Chairs
 Bargaining Unit Presidents
 District Presidents

From: Cheryl Cavell, Chair
 Provincial Status of Women Committee

Re: Status of Women Outreach Workshops
 April 9 - 10, 2010 – Toronto/GTA
 April 30 - May 1, 2010 – Thunder Bay

The Status of Women Committee (SWC) is hosting this year's SW Outreach Workshops in Toronto on April 9-10, 2010 and in Thunder Bay on April 30-May 1, 2010.

These workshops are intended to bring together members who are interested in being involved in SW Committees and women's equality issues at the local level. Our goal is to offer an opportunity to share ideas, provide training, and build a regional network among district SW Committees and contacts.

Districts involved in each of this year's SW Outreach Workshops, as well as information on hotel and workshop venues, is provided in the chart below. A copy of the registration form and a tentative agenda for both locations are also attached.

The deadlines for registration are as follows:

- Toronto SW Outreach Workshop – Tuesday, March 23, 2010
- Thunder Bay SW Outreach Workshop – Wednesday, April 7, 2010

The Provincial SWC will cover costs for representatives/designates from each of the districts involved in the 2010 Outreach Workshops as shown in the chart. This includes the cost of the workshop, including breakfast and lunch on Saturday, as well as Friday night accommodation and transportation/mileage. To help keep expenses within our limited budget, participants are encouraged to carpool where this is feasible.

Where distance requires, the SWC will also cover time release costs and additional meals. These arrangements must be confirmed with Margaret McPhail. Please check your collective agreement to ensure adequate notice can be given to the employer.

Additional representatives wishing to attend are welcome as long as space permits. There is no registration fee and a light breakfast and lunch will be provided as part of the workshop at no cost. However, any funding for accommodation/travel costs or time release for additional representatives would have to be obtained from the District or through the local Status of Women Committee. Applications may be made to the District for possible funding through the Account #2010.

We look forward to seeing you at the workshops.

Outreach Workshop Details

Date	For Districts	Hotel Accommodation	Workshop Location
April 9-10, 2010 Toronto	12, 13, 16, 17, 19, 30, 34, 35 (WLUSA) Two (2) representatives per District	Don Valley Hotel and Suites 1250 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto, ON (across from OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office)	OSSTF/FEESO Provincial Office 60 Mobile Drive Toronto, ON
April 30-May 1, 2010 Thunder Bay	5A, 5B, 6A, 6B Three (3) representatives per District	Victoria Inn 555 W. Arthur Street Thunder Bay, ON	Victoria Inn 555 W. Arthur Street Thunder Bay, ON

For more information, contact Margaret McPhail by calling the provincial office at 1.800.267.7867 or by email at mcpheim@osstf.on.ca

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Provincial Status of Women Committee Outreach Workshop – Toronto/GTA

Social Event

Friday, April 9, 2010 – 8:00 p.m.
Don Valley Hotel and Suites – Suite 400
1250 Eglinton Avenue East, Toronto

Join us in the hotel suite for good conversation, lots of fun, and drinks/light snacks!

Workshop

Saturday, April 10, 2010
Provincial OSSTF/FEESO Office
60 Mobile Drive, Toronto

- 8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast and coffee
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Breakfast Speaker
- 9:45 a.m. Workshop: Status of Women Committee
Viewing member issues through a gender equity lens
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Discussion: Building Status of Women Locally
- Getting Members Involved
 - Identifying Priorities/ Planning for the Future
 - Role of Provincial Status of Women Committee
- 12:00 p.m. Buffet Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Workshop: Kara Hiltz, District 19
Beyond meetings: Using electronic communications to build your SW network
- 2:00 p.m. Closing Remarks

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Provincial Status of Women Committee Outreach Workshop – Thunder Bay

Social Event

Friday, April 30, 2010 –8:00 p.m.

Victoria Inn

555 W. Arthur Street

Thunder Bay, ON

Join us in the suite for good conversation, lots of fun, and drinks/light snacks!

Workshop

Saturday, May 1, 2010

Victoria Inn (address above)

- 8:45 a.m. Continental breakfast and coffee
- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Breakfast Speaker
- 9:45 a.m. Workshop: Status of Women Committee
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Regional Contact:

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Status of Women Committee

Status of Women Outreach Workshops Registration Form

April 9-10, 2010 – Toronto/GTA
April 30-May 1, 2010 – Thunder Bay

Send your completed registration form to provincial office no later than
March 23, 2010 (Toronto) and April 7, 2010 (Thunder Bay).

Attention: Tanya La Rush, e-mail: larusht@osstf.on.ca or by fax at 416.751.3875

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

I will be attending the Status of Women Outreach Workshop being held in

Toronto Thunder Bay

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone (work): _____ (home) _____

Email address: _____

District Name and #: _____ Bargaining Unit: _____

Current Position(s):

District Status of Women Officer Chair, District SW Committee

Member, District SW Committee Interested in work of SWC

I **am** a designated SW representative from my district:
or

I am **not** a designated representative from my district:

(Please note SW is able to cover costs for designated representatives only. Funding for additional representatives should be confirmed through your district/bargaining unit. Applications for funding from Account 2010 may be made through your district)

Accommodations *(Any accommodation requests will be booked at the hotel shown below through provincial office. Room costs for designated representatives will be paid directly through provincial office. Additional representatives will be responsible for paying their own costs.)*

I will need hotel accommodations for Friday night Yes / No

Other considerations: _____

Meals

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided at the workshop. Other meals will be reimbursed only where travel distance requires. Claims should be submitted with other travel expenses.

Time Release

Time release will be required for distant travel purposes: (check if needed)

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