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DAY 1
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11:00 am
CUPE AB President Marle Roberts

1:45 pm
National Secretary Treasurer Charles Fleury

4:30 pm
Political Forum

CONVENTION OPENS TODAY

More than 200 delegates representing CUPE locals from across Alberta will converge at the Coast Hotel in Lethbridge this week for CUPE Alberta's annual convention. CUPE Alberta President Marle Roberts says delegates will elect executive officers and discuss issues of importance to the union.

"I'd like to welcome all delegates from across our great province who are at Convention to do the important work of our union," said Roberts.

Guest speakers include CUPE National President Mark Hancock, Environment Minister Shannon Phillips, and Alberta Federation of Labour President Gil McGowan.

Elections for the positions of President, Recording Secretary, General Vice President (South), Young Worker VP, Trustee (three year) and Alternate Area Vice Presidents will happen Friday.

NEW DELEGATES READY TO TAKE ON CONVENTION

Almost 50 delegates attended the New Delegates Orientation this morning, with some coming from as far away as Fort McMurray. The first-time convention-goers learned how convention works, rules of order and other convention procedures.

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Participants learned about the importance of participating in convention, and also got a sense of the support they can expect when and if they approach the microphone on the convention floor—including rousing applause for first-time delegates. The orientation also emphasized the importance of resolutions because they come directly from the members themselves.

Delegates attending the orientation were nervous but excited, and many were looking forward to meeting new people and feeling connected to something bigger than themselves. "Everybody's been so welcoming," said Georgia Major, a municpal worker from CUPE 417 in Red Deer.

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