



10th Convention of the FIQ

Under the theme “Think outside the box”, the president, Régine Laurent, launched the Convention of the FIQ. Vision, progress and action will characterize the FIQ over the next three years. It was with pride that Ms Laurent then presented the Executive Committee report and the actions accomplished by the FIQ. Fighting against independent labour, organization of work, initial training and the place of licensed practical nurses in the care settings, the FIQ has continued to fight in the political and social melting pot.



Lastly, Régine Laurent challenged the delegates, as experts in the healthcare system, for the FIQ to choose the road of creativity, resistance and new alliances for the years ahead.

The convention is taking place from April 7 to 11 in Quebec City.

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A man with collective values

Mr. Claude Béland, a man of experience and pillar of the *Mouvement Desjardins*, shared his vision of an educated and just society with the delegates. Over the years he has seen an evolution in society’s values and compared the values of the community movement with those promoted by an ultraliberal economy.



Mr. Béland, strong from his years of commitment with the cooperative movement, is convinced that sharing, the feeling of belonging and democracy are worth more than the accumulation of wealth for some, domination and individualism. He firmly believes that economic systems based on cooperation create a more humane society. He is happy to see that the FIQ has decided to “think outside the box” to rethink organization of health care and to act for changes to take place in a cooperative mode.

On your mark, the candidates

Huguette Lajeunesse, Interim President of the Election Committee gave instructions for the positions on the Executive Committee as well as the standing and statutory committees. The candidates running for these positions have 24 hours, as of the official opening of the Convention, to submit their candidacies to the Election Committee. The elections will be held on Thursday, April 10. Suspense!

On the programme tomorrow

Speeches from union leaders:

- Linda Silas, President of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions
- Mark S. Langevin, Secretary for the sub-region of North America for Public Services International
- Jean Ross, Co-President of National Nurses United

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