



ROOTED & RISING CONVENTION 2026

Convention 2026 takes place in Hall D unless otherwise noted.

Day 1: Wednesday, May 27, 2026

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Foyer outside Hall D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-registration • Committee Booths will be open and showcasing work
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Day 2: Thursday, May 28, 2026

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	New Delegate Seminar (Salon 8 & 9)
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Smudging Ceremony (Balcony outside Hall D – optional)
8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Opening Ceremonies and Housekeeping
9:15 a.m. – 9:20 a.m.	Credentials Committee Report
9:20 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.	Address from President Mike Parker
9:40 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Message from Executive Director Christine deMontigny
10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Awards
10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Fitness Break
10:30 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	Video Montage of Working Groups and Committees
10:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	Finance Report: Vice-President Leanne Alfaro
11:05 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	Resolutions Debate
11:55 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Announcements
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch (Buffets – Hall B)
1:00 p.m. – 1:50 p.m.	Working Groups and Committees: A learning and networking activity (Hall B)
1:50 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Break: Move back to Hall D/Main Convention Room
2:00 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report
2:05 pm – 3:40 pm	Resolutions Debate
3:40 pm – 4:25 pm	HSAA Union Affiliate Panel: The Future of Unions in Canada <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bert Blundon, President, National Union of Public and General Employees • Siobhán Vipond, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress • Gil McGowan, President, Alberta Federation of Labour
4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Orders of the Day (Announcements)
4:30 p.m.	Adjournment
4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Smudging Ceremony (Balcony outside Hall D – optional)
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.	Mixer at The Banquet (RSVP Event – Buddy Walk available)

Day 3: Friday, May 29, 2026

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Registration
7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Smudging Ceremony (Balcony outside Hall D – optional)
8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.	Housekeeping & Recap
8:40 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.	Credentials Committee Report
8:45 a.m. – 9:05 a.m.	Address from Vice-President Leanne Alfaro
9:10 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Resolutions Debate
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Morning Break
11:00 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.	In Memoriam
11:05 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.	Launch of HSAA Awareness & Political Action Campaigns
11:35 a.m. – 11:55 a.m.	“The Power of Collective Action” - Pre-Rally Remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bradley Lafortune, Executive Director, Public Interest Alberta • Chris Gallaway, Executive Director, Friends of Medicare • Gil McGowan and Cori Longo, Alberta Federation of Labour
11:55 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Rally
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Smudging Ceremony (Balcony outside Hall D – optional)
2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	Parkland Institute: Ricardo Acuña
2:15 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	Credentials Committee Report
2:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Resolutions Debate
3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Housekeeping & Prize Draws
4:00 p.m. – 4:25 p.m.	Swearing In/Oath of Office
4:25 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks/Adjournment