

Robyn Benson

Public Service Alliance of Canada, National President



Robyn Benson is the PSAC's National President who was elected May 4, 2012. She succeeds John Gordon, who retired after six years in the role and more than 30 years of union activism.

Benson was the Regional Executive Vice-President (REVP) for PSAC's Prairies region since 2000. As the REVP, Benson was responsible for a wide range of activities in her region which covers Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba. These included the Regional Council, organizing and re-certifications, education, political and social action, women's and equity programs, Area Councils, Directly Chartered

Locals and separate employers, Federations of Labour and related committees, and District Labour Councils. During her terms as REVP she has also shared national responsibility for collective bargaining, finance, human rights and education for the PSAC.

Benson worked for 20 years with the Winnipeg Taxation Centre of Revenue Canada (now the Canada Revenue Agency) before her election in 2000. Her union involvement dates back to the 1980 strike by the Clerical and Regulatory (CR) bargaining unit when she was a term employee. She held a variety of union positions including Regional Vice-President in the Union of Taxation Employees (UTE), a position she held until 2000.

Jim Sinclair

BC Federation of Labour, President



Jim Sinclair is President of the British Columbia Federation of Labour, the umbrella organization that represents 54 unions and 450,000 private and public sector employees in the province.

Sinclair was elected to that position in 1999 after serving more than 18 years in the United Fishermen and Allied Workers' Union – CAW. During his career in the fishing industry, Jim served as associate editor of the Fisherman's Newspaper, Health and Safety Director, staff representative and spent the last eight years as an elected leader of the union.

During his term at the Federation of Labour, the Federation has grown by more than 75,000 members as unions representing teachers and workers' compensation board employees joined the central labour body.

Sinclair began his working career as a journalist, working in both radio and print media. He was editor and contributor to *Crossing the Line*, a book on the North American Free Trade Agreement. He also served on the board of the Vancouver Richmond Health Authority for four years and on the board of B.C. Hydro for four years.