



February 22, 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

RE: HSAA “Union Talks” Speaker Series

I am writing to encourage you to get the word out to your members to attend a pre-election speaker series being organized by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta (HSAA).

Open to all union members and the public, the series is designed to provide union members with information and perspective that will help them make a decision about who to support in the upcoming provincial election.

The issues that will be covered in the speaker series have big implications for working Albertans — from work place rights to the direction of our economy to the future of our health care system.

People who attend the series will be given an opportunity to see these issues through a labour lens, as opposed to seeing them through the lens offered by politicians and media pundits.

The stakes in the election couldn't be higher for working Albertans and their families. Please help you members get the information they need by encouraging them to attend some or all of these events, alongside their brothers and sisters from HSAA.

The event posters are attached to this email for sharing. You can also find the event information at <https://www.hsaa.ca/speakerseries/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gil McGowan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gil McGowan
President
Alberta Federation of Labour

LOCATION: HSAA Calgary office

6160- 333- 96 Ave NE

TIME: 7pm (Doors 6:30)

LIVESTREAM:

<http://Meet.hsaa.ca>



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HSAA “UNION TALKS” SPEAKER SERIES ENERGY TRANSFORMATION THURS, FEB 28TH



“Transitioning to a New Energy Economy in Alberta”

Speaker: Julia-Maria Becker, Pembina Institute

Julia-Maria Becker is the director of the Pembina Institute's clean economy program in Alberta. She works on corporate, government and community-based sustainability projects in Alberta relating to clean economy with a focus on energy efficiency and carbon pricing.

Before joining the Pembina Institute — Canada's leading energy think tank — Julia worked for an international organization, Student Energy, where she led the Energy Literacy Platform; she is now on the board of directors of Student Energy. She also worked at Alberta Ecotrust where she was responsible for the organization's social innovation lab.

Julia has worked for German and Mexican government institutions and has a Master of Development Economics and a Bachelor of International Economics. She is involved in a local community group that brings together citizens to discuss climate change and has participated in panel discussions on the clean energy transition throughout Alberta and at international conferences in Europe, Mexico and Canada.

“Diversification is No Longer an Option: A Clear-Eyed Look at What's Happening to the Global Oil Market and Why Alberta Needs Action Now”

Speaker: Gil McGowan, AFL

Gil McGowan is president of the Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL), Alberta's largest union advocacy organization.

McGowan, a father of three, has presided over a period of substantial growth for the AFL. He has led public discussion and policy changes on resource development, reform of the temporary foreign worker program, climate change and green jobs, a \$15 minimum wage, pension reform, reforms to the labour code and employment standards, and reforms to occupational health and safety and WCB legislation.

In 2015 Gil was named one of Alberta's 50 most influential people. Gil sits on the CLC's Canadian Council and was Co-Chair of the Energy Diversification Advisory Committee (EDAC), and was recently appointed to the Federal Just Transition Task Force to support transition strategies for workers/communities affected by the coal phase-out.



HSAA “UNION TALKS” SPEAKER SERIES

WHY DOES HEALTH MATTER TO ALBERTANS?

JOIN US FOR 5 EVENINGS WITH DYNAMIC, ENGAGING SPEAKERS

Health care workers and service providers have a unique role to play in advancing the discussion on health care as a central political issue. In the lead up to the provincial election, join us for a series of energizing and thought-provoking talks on important issues that affect the health and well-being of Albertans. HSAA will host leading advocates, practitioners, and scholars to share their knowledge with union members and the public. Members of HSAA and other unions are encouraged to attend.

Come meet your colleagues or host a live viewing party!

SAVE THE DATES

**FEB 20, EDMONTON
“SOCIAL JUSTICE”**

**FEB 28, CALGARY
“ENERGY
TRANSFORMATION”**

**MAR 13, EDMONTON
“LABOUR STANDARDS”**

**MAR 27, CALGARY
“ECONOMY & BUDGET”**

**APRIL 10, EDMONTON
“HEALTH MATTERS”**

EVENT LOCATIONS:

**HSAA EDMONTON
18410- 100 Ave NW**

**HSAA CALGARY
6160- 333- 96 Ave NE**

OTHER INFO:

***SPEAKERS TBD**

***DOORS 6:30pm, EVENTS
START AT 7pm**

***Q&A TO FOLLOW**

***REFRESHMENTS SERVED**

***LIVESTREAM**