

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As an elected member of the previous three bargaining committees and a current Shop Steward, it would be an honor for me to represent you again. I bring significant experience to the table having served the union movement as a member of the OTEU, HEU and now with BCGEU:

- Shop Steward and member of HEU Surrey local executive from 2001 - 2010
- Vice-chair HEU, Surrey Local from 2004 - 2010
- Attended all HEU and BC Federation of Labor conventions from 2003 - 2010
- Attended CUPE national convention in Toronto in 2007
- Attended monthly labor and management meetings from 2004 - 2010
- Attended several arbitration hearings on behalf of members

While we go through this uncertain period we need to continue striving for financial gain, we now more than ever, need to negotiate strong language in the contract to protect our members and maintain solidarity. I am looking forward working with all our new Brothers and Sisters. We are one team regardless of the length of service.

In Solidarity,

Jessie Bains