

Metro Vancouver Bargaining Committee Election Biographies

DIANA BAILLIE

I joined Metro Vancouver back in 2002 as an external temp. My first 18 months at Metro had me working as a Library Assistant in the Harry Lash Library as well as a Clerk III in the O&M Department. I then joined the Facilities Team as a Program Assistant in Building Operations back in August 2004.

I've accepted the nomination for the Bargaining Committee as I want to support my Brothers and Sisters in obtaining the best possible contract. I feel like I would be good in this role due to my tenacious and dedicated personality. I pledge to do my best at listening to our members and give my full commitment to the process.

LORELEI BARATTO

My first position with Metro Vancouver began in June 2008 when I joined as a Hydrologic Technician. I am now in the position of Engineering Technician II in Liquid Waste Services and have the privilege of working with people in all three employee groups throughout the organization.

I am interested in serving on the Bargaining Committee after learning about it through my friend Daniel Werger, whom I respect very much. I look forward to making a contribution towards our union's interests at the negotiating table.

ALEXANDER CSIZMADIA

I have been with Metro Vancouver since 2008 as a Permitting / Enforcement Officer and became a Shop Steward in 2014 because I wanted to do more for our members. I also hoped that by doing so I would raise my profile and win a nomination for the Bargaining Committee. I seek parity on benefits at no cost to us – what else can I bring to the table? Let's get this done together!

CATHERINE DEROBERT

I have been working at Metro Vancouver since 2006. I started at Annacis Island and currently work in the laboratory at Lake City. I have become more active in the Union by joining the Job Evaluation Agreement Committee (JEA) and arranging the room and call for the monthly lunch time Union meeting for Lake City.

For the last 30 years, I have been on the boards of various organizations and my experience would be an asset to the Bargaining Committee during these negotiations. I can make a difference. Thank you for your support.

BART FRYMEL

I am a 10 year Metro Vancouver Employee. Currently, I am a Computer Technical Specialist with the IT – Deskside Team. Prior to this I served 2 years on the Metro Vancouver Helpdesk. In various job roles at Metro Vancouver I've had the opportunity to get to know a large portion of our membership along with our main concerns and priorities.

I would like to be part of the Bargaining Committee because I strongly believe that the issue of 'benefit parity' with other Metro Vancouver employee groups needs to be addressed during the upcoming round of negotiations. Whether it is working to secure long term disability (LTD) or working towards wage increases for the next five years; I intend to come to the negotiating table with resolve and tact.

We need to be mindful that we have a strong regional and provincial economy at the same time that uncertainty in financial markets and geopolitical issues may undermine the near and long term financial security of Metro Vancouver's Teamsters. The new collective bargaining agreement should address these issues and reflect this reality. Our bargaining team needs to have clear objectives and principles; at the same time it will need to work constructively with the employer to achieve an agreement that everyone can live with and do so in a timely manner.

CATHERINE GASTALDELLO

I have worked at Metro for over 25 years. I am currently the Administrative Co-ordinator at Parks Central Area Office. I have been an active Shop Steward for approximately 13 years and attend Labour Management Committee meetings as a Union representative. I have also served the membership of Local 31 as Vice-President on the Executive Board since 2001.

I have had the opportunity to represent our bargaining unit as a member of the Bargaining Committee during the last three rounds of bargaining. I believe my experience as a Shop Steward and as a member of previous Bargaining Committees gives me a good foundation to sit at the bargaining table once again. I would be pleased to represent the membership and would work towards achieving the best possible agreement for my Sisters and Brothers at Metro Vancouver.

ELIZABETH HARTLEY

I have worked at Metro Vancouver for 13 years as a Financial Analyst. I regularly attend and participate in our Union lunchtime meetings. I have also proactively worked with our Union representative to review and improve our access to information, service and developing communication strategies.

I believe all Metro Vancouver employees should be treated equally. In my opinion this is not the case; not in terms of benefits, wages, hours of work, workspaces and the list goes on. We deserve better. I would like to be a part of the team that brings us positive change.

DYLAN LUCCOCK

Hello, my name is Dylan Luccock & would like to be one of your Collective Bargaining Representatives. I have been an IT Deskside Support Technician for approximately the past 12 years. The following are a quick list of what I feel are important upcoming bargaining issues: LTD; Sick Leave Gratuity Program Re-instatement; A fair and reasonable wage increase; Improved medical/dental benefits; Changes to On-call language; and I am willing to take any other suggestions which I may have forgotten. Thank you for considering me to be your bargaining representative. Dylan Luccock

VIKKI POWERS

I started with Metro as an external temporary employee in July 2009 and helped out in the Mail Room and the Print Room. In September I moved to the E&C Department and worked in various administrative positions within that department as an external temp until I was hired as FTT in June of 2011 within the E&C Department. I became a FTR employee with O&M at Lake City Operations Centre in July of 2012. In all cases I have worked as an Admin Clerk III or a PA I.

I would like to sit on the Bargaining Committee because I feel very passionately about the bargaining process and the importance a positive outcome not only on existing, but future employees.

DANIEL WERGER

Hello, my name is Daniel Werger. I am a Technology Planner and have worked in the Information Technology Field for 35 years. I have worked for the GVRD for a little over 31 years, first in the Regional Planning Department and then for Information Technologies (Corporate Services Department).

I became a Shop Steward in the early 2000's and have sat at the bargaining table as a member of the Bargaining Committee for the last two contracts. I have enjoyed being a Shop Steward and part of the Bargaining Committee and would be very proud to sit at the bargaining table on your behalf once again. Thank you.