

CANDIDATE PROFILE

NAME: LORNA BOWDEN

POSITION BEING SOUGHT: DELEGATE FOR NATIONAL CONVENTION

LENGTH OF TIME WITHIN THE UNION: 27yrs 9mo.

UNION EXPERIENCE:

Shop Steward (current), Regional Director, Unit Chair/Co-Unit Chair-Secretary, CEP Atlantic Rep Woman's Committee, 2289 Local Woman's Committee, Unifor AWOC Committee Member, attended several Woman's and AWOC Conferences along with CEP/ Unifor (Founding) Convention. Anti-Harassment & Diversity Awareness, Mental Health First Aid Canada, Working Toward Bully-Free Workplaces Certificate.

WORK HISTORY:

Administrative Clerk II, Union Co-Chair OHS Committee EON Square, Financial Rep I, Dispatch Clerk, AP Clerk and Operator. Also was a member on the OHS Policy Committee.

COMMENTS:

Brothers and Sisters – These conventions are a great opportunity to network and be proud you are part of a union. I ask for your vote because for me in going you will give me the wonderful opportunity to represent you – to vote on changes that make the National Constitution stronger, to hear about our finances and what Unifor is up to as a whole. If I had to ask a few unionists what the most important aspect of a conference is I believe they would say networking. In the past I have attended similar conferences while being your Atlantic Rep for CEP Woman's Committee and while at these conference/conventions I was able to meet a lot of our Bell counterparts from Toronto - Calgary brothers and sisters from the media sector CTV and Bells Call Center BSR/CSR's from Toronto. Networking with other unions especially our Bell Brothers and Sister is vital to this union, even though we are different locals with different CA - we all work for the same employer - BELL. If elected this will give me an opportunity to reconnect with my/our allies to discuss Bell politic, collective agreement comparisons and polices and the list goes on! These conventions also bring forth lots of opportunity to attend several equity caucuses - (Aboriginal/Worker of Color or AWOC, LGBTQ, Woman, Disabled, and Young Workers) and unfortunately most of these caucuses in the last few years were not utilized from the members who attended! I assure you I will be at every caucus as I know firsthand the importance of inclusiveness. Not having someone

attending these meetings prevents information that does not get handed down to you - the membership!

Thank you for taking the time to read my profile and also much appreciation and thanks for your support!

In Solidarity
Lorna Bowden