

## CANDIDATE PROFILE

**NAME:** David Gates

**POSITION BEING SOUGHT:** Delegate to Unifor Atlantic Regional Council, Unifor Canadian Council and Unifor Constitutional Convention.

**LENGTH OF TIME WITHIN THE UNION:** 28 years

### UNION EXPERIENCE:

- March 2004: Strike coordinator for Halifax sites of Scotia Square, Maritime Centre, and Halifax Toll during 2004 Strike.
- July 2014 – June 2017: President of Unifor Local 2289.
- September 2014 – June 2017: Shop steward.
- August 2014: Local 2289 representative on Unifor ACL CIF bargaining committee.
- May 2015 – May 2017: Chairperson of the Unifor Atlantic Communication Locals (Unifor ACL).
- October 2015: Completed Unifor Collective Bargaining Course – Port Elgin, Ontario.
- 2014 – 2017: Local 2289 delegate to Unifor Canadian Council – Vancouver, Montreal, Ottawa.
- February 2016: Unifor ACL Representative on Unifor Federal Government lobby group – Ottawa.
- September 2016: Local 2289 delegate and member of Unifor Constitutional Committee for the 2016 Unifor Constitutional Convention.
- 2015 – 2017: Local 2289 delegate to Unifor Atlantic Regional Council – Saint John, St. John's, Halifax.
- February 2017: Local 2289 representative on Unifor ACL traditional bargaining committee.

### WORK HISTORY:

During my 28 year career, I have worked as a Network Technician at the Halifax Toll building location, in various groups including CRC, Broadcast Services, AR Wireless Operations Group (MTX) and currently in the Switching OPS Wireline Group (SMC).

### COMMENTS:

I believe it is important that our local be represented at as many Unifor conventions and conferences as financially possible. These Unifor events are an opportunity to meet and discuss with other Unifor members, the common issues and battles that we all have in our workplaces and with our employers. It is also important in my opinion, to send both members of the local executive as well as rank and file members to the various Unifor events, and for those individuals to inform the rest of the local membership about those discussions.

It would be my privilege to represent the membership of Unifor Local 2289, as a rank and file delegate at the Unifor Atlantic Regional Council, Unifor Canadian Council and the Unifor Constitutional Convention.

In Solidarity,

Dave Gates