

CANDIDATE PROFILE

NAME: David Gates

POSITION BEING SOUGHT: Vice President

LENGTH OF TIME WITHIN THE UNION: 29 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.
- 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.
- August 2018: Local 2289 delegate to Unifor Canadian Council – Halifax.

WORK HISTORY:

During my 29 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 Switch Maintenance Centre (SMC).

COMMENTS:

As we move forward with our new Bell collective agreement, there will be many discussions regarding the application of the new and old CA language. I believe my past experience as president of Unifor Local 2289 and chair of the Unifor ACL Council would benefit our Local executive in regard to those conversations. Our Local has historically had the largest membership of all four of the Atlantic Bell Aliant Locals, but also has the largest number of retirement eligible members. It is important that our Local retains as many of those job positions as possible, that become vacant due to retirements / departures.

It would be my privilege to represent the membership of Unifor Local 2289, as vice president for the next two years.

In Solidarity,

Dave Gates