

Well, let's try this again!

I have decided to put my name forward for the General Vice President position after being away from it for the past 2 years. As most of you are aware I was in this position fulltime for 6 years prior to the last election. This position is a very integral part of our Union as it serves a role that contributes to and assists our President in his day to day responsibilities of running our Union with a membership that is growing daily and currently has approximately 2,000 members. Local 59 is a very diverse Union so having an experienced person in the role of GVP is critical to the success of the position. Negotiating bargaining agreements, overseeing dispute resolutions involving our members, understanding workplace responsibilities, mentorship to our executive, respect and professionalism, volunteerism and an overall belief that you are working on behalf of everyone for a safe and healthy workplace. These are a few things that experienced labour negotiators bring to the table. I have experienced and did all of the stated examples in my 13 plus years of service to my Local without any labour strife! One thing I am always aware of is the fact that we have a high number of Seasonal, Permanent Part Time and Part Time staff mixed in with our Permanent staff. I have 16 experience being a Seasonal employee and have been Permanent for the last 19 years. I do understand and always think about how **all** our staff are being affected by our Executive decisions.

My reasons for putting my name forward again are simple. I didn't feel I accomplished all I wanted to do in the role of your GVP and I feel I still want to contribute to the future of our Local. I feel I have a tremendous amount to contribute to the role and I know that this position has to be filled by experienced members to be progressive and effective!

I am asking for your support by endorsing me and voting for experience and competency on Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019!

In Solidarity,

Dave McKee