

Bio of Pat Westerlund

Hello Members

- Please allow me the time to introduce myself and explain a little about who I am and why I have chosen to run for Local Chair in BCGEU Local 311. I first became involved as a steward in my Local in 1995-1996, as I saw members being treated unfairly, unjustly and human rights being jeopardized, I decided at that time I wanted to make a difference and stand up for union members, to empower and have their rights under a collective agreement met. I have been an active steward since that time and continue to represent and ensure members rights are met. I have held two term positions on the Local Executive, been an active voice on the JOSH committee and remained faithful to union members. I believe in change and empowerment, it is time for change within our Local 311. If elected, my promise to the members is to make that change, to have a stronger Local and to keep members informed, after all there is strength in numbers, and as a union member I believe the members have the right to know what is taking place within the Local. A non secretive approach, keeping members informed and being the best voice for members is my goal if elected. I believe in members having a say within the Local, going back to the roots as to why I first became involved in becoming an activist, I would make that change to involve members in their Local, to strengthen our Local.

On a personal note, I am single mom to 4 grown children, and am honored to be called "Gma"(grandma) to 3 grand kids. I have rescued animals and have managed to not rehome a few, hence Pat's zoo. I am a strong voice, not always well poised and speak my mind when I believe in a cause. I have worked in the profession of supporting people with various disabilities since 1990, having been raised with many foster children within the family home, I have been involved for most of my life, in helping and standing up for people.

Thank you for taking your time to read my Bio, I hope you have a better understanding of who I am and what I believe in, should you decide to elect me, I will not disappoint.

Sincerely

Pat Westerlund