

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

My Name is Brad Irons and I have been a proud BCGEU member since 2007.

I am writing to seek your support to represent members for the position of member at large for local 604. I believe that I'd be a decent choice as an activist with a sincere passion for worker rights, safety and fairness in the workplace.

As a new worker with the public service in 2007, like many of us, I started out with very little idea of what it meant to belong to a union and how it all worked. My understanding of issues within the labour movement and labour relations has broadened over time and I have come a long way. Since joining the BCGEU, I have received excellent training and mentorship and was elected as a shop steward in 2011. Over the years I have supported and represented our members in various ministries across government and the public service and I have developed a good understanding of the issues facing our membership across several job profiles.

In 2013 I was elected as a member of both 603 local and component executives and with the support of BCGEU leadership I have enriched my learning and studied in coursework through Capilano University's Labour studies and trained at the Canadian Labour Congress' winter school in Facing Management. As a career social worker with the Ministry of Children and Family Development, I would also bring to the role several transferable skills that lend themselves well to work of an effective executive member including good interpersonal communication; conflict resolution; mediation; and advocacy skills.

Lastly, I take pride in listening and understanding member issues and enjoy strategizing and implementing ways to create positive change. As a new member to local 604 and I am interested in getting to know members issues in my region and would appreciate your support to serve as a member of large for local 604.

Thank you and in Solidarity,

Brad Irons