

Michael Redhead Champagne

Michael Redhead Champagne is an experienced community organizer, public speaker and is proud to have been born and raised in Winnipeg's North End with family from Shamattawa First Nation. He is passionate about public health, community safety and systems change that centres and empowers voices with lived experience. An author, mentor and avid volunteer, Michael takes every available opportunity to make positive changes at as many systems and levels as possible. He volunteers on a number of non-profit boards committed to supporting families, community development and improving access to health and wellness services.

Monica Girouard

Monica is a proud Winnipegger and Manitoban, living in Winnipeg for her entire life. She received a CGA designation in 1994.

She has spent her career in the not-for-profit sector, spending time at the United Way of Winnipeg as the Assistant Controller before moving to the Manitoba Government and General Employees Union as the Director of Finance and then to the Manitoba Nurses Union as Director of Operations.

Monica has been active in the community serving on many public, not-for-profit boards. These include the Public Utilities Board regulating natural gas, water rates and payday loan and cheque cashing rates throughout Manitoba, the Buffalo Credit Union Board, the Deposit Guarantee Corporation Board, the, the Civil Service Superannuation Board, Safe Workers of Tomorrow and is currently President of the Union Centre Inc, Vice Chair of the HEPP Board, and Treasurer of the MFL Occupational Centre.

Monica and a group of friends sponsored a family of Syrian refugees to Winnipeg in 2016 and have now sponsored his brother and cousin and their families who are arriving in June of 2019. That project has been extremely rewarding.

Gina McKay

Delegates at the CUPE Manitoba Convention held in October of last year elected Gina McKay to represent the union's 37,000 members.

McKay previously worked as the Labour Director at the United Way Winnipeg. McKay was recently elected as the Equity Vice-President for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two-Spirit, Intersex Workers of the Canadian Labour Congress, and sits on CUPE's National Pink Triangle Committee.

McKay is committed to building unity in the labour movement and dedicated to ensuring we work stronger together to fight back against governments who push austerity and regressive legislation and attacks on working people in Manitoba.

McKay is a queer, Métis activist and has worked on LGBTQ2+ issues with CUPE at the local, provincial and national level, with the Manitoba Federation of Labour, the Winnipeg Labour Council, with the CLC and even internationally with Public Services International's LGBTQ2+ contingent to the UN Commission on the Status of Women.