

# John Christopherson



My name is John Christopherson, and I am running for my third full term as Director of Region 5. My candidacy is based on my skills, my record, and my human values.

In my term on the Board I have served on and chaired a number of committees, including Education, Finance, Constitutional and Organizational Policy, and Political Action. I have served as your Secretary-Treasurer. I have served in bargaining and negotiation roles.

I bring unique capacities to the Board. I have a Master's Degree in Business Administration, bringing skills ranging from finance to marketing to organizational behaviour, as well as strategic planning. I have professional training in mediation and negotiation. I have experience in the private sector.

Since leaving my full-time position at B.C. Cancer, I continue to work as a casual. In my personal situation, I represent members who have to continue to work in semi-retirement, a necessity for many of us living in Metro Vancouver.

Nonetheless, I believe that decisions need to be made for the best interests of all. Our Union stands together and is made strong in spite of and because of our differences. We share common goals: fighting for fairness, justice, equality, the right to a safe working environment, and the dignity of all.

I have a long history in unionism and social activism, going back to my student days. I was a director of an organization that turned a derelict military installation into a large and vibrant community sailing centre, which continues to thrive today.

I endeavour to bring grace and compassion to the Board; to listen for our hopes, to help others find their voices and their strengths. I hope that you will give me the opportunity to continue to serve.