

AGM REPORT – RECORDING SECRETARY

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It has been a very unusual year as college employees and students were forced to react to the constant changes suddenly brought on by Covid-19. While many members have been working at home, the union has been very active. As a result of work position, I attend the CET+ committee meetings with the unions and the CCSS. These meetings started as soon as the pandemic restrictions were announced and have proved to be important in ensuring that workers and students are consulted and have influence over the decisions being made by Camosun College. While I am not technically representing CUPE 2081, I do have the opportunity to watch Keith and Erynne working tirelessly to stand up for members and protect as many jobs as possible. I know that they attend many more meetings than what I witness, and I really appreciated collaborating with them, and others, to get services open in order to help keep CUPE 2081 members employed. I can usually say that some of the most interesting and exciting union tasks I get involved with have less to do with taking the minutes of meetings and that is certainly true this year! I have enjoyed supporting other executive members, answering questions from members as a steward, participating in the Vancouver Island District Council, attending the BC Federation of Labor Convention and taking part in the general decision making at the executive table.

The Recording Secretary's most visible and primary responsibility is taking minutes at the Executive and Membership meetings of the Local. Recording decisions is important for accountability and because of that, the position is one of the few that Local's are required to have by the CUPE Constitution. The Recording Secretary's formal duties relate more to documentation and certifying of decisions, ensuring proper procedures are being followed and other more internal administrative tasks. That being said, the Recording Secretary is more than a minute taker and is a full officer of the Local who is expected to participate fully in the affairs of the Local.

One of the best aspects of this pandemic has been watching the Executive, and the college community generally, pull together in ways we have not always done so before. I have enjoyed being the Recording Secretary and working with the current Executive members and will be putting my name forward again at the AGM. If I am re-elected, I will strive to continue to support other members of the Executive and the membership generally while performing my required responsibilities.

In Solidarity,

Michel Turcotte
Recording Secretary, CUPE Local 2081