

## AGM REPORT – VICE PRESIDENT

**March 16, 2021**

Greetings,

Two years has seemingly gone by so fast. I'm nearing the end of my term as Vice President and the elections at the AGM are days away. It has been two years of many opportunities and challenges. I have been grateful for the opportunities and kept humble by the adversities and hurdles.

I got to serve on the bargaining committee, which was a new and very interesting experience. I never imagined I would be a part of negotiating the conditions of one of our collective agreements. It wasn't exciting or fun, but it was important work we all took seriously and worked very hard on.

I also was elected to fill a seat on the CUPE BC environment committee. Which unlike bargaining has been very exciting and I am very appreciative to have that opportunity. I am quite thrilled that I wrote a resolution, was edited and worked on by the committee and will very likely make it to voting on the floor at the annual CUPE BC convention. Which is like a mini parliament for CUPE organization at the provincial level. I hope this resolution I had a big part in making translates into some real change here in the province. I was also very fortunate to be able to attend the CUPE national convention last year in Montreal. It was a very amazing experience, and quite surreal now in this pandemic reality to picture a room full of thousands of people. When we are able to witness the size and strength and diversity of CUPE at a national level, it certainly imbues one with a feeling of interconnectedness and is a much needed contrast to the isolation we feel at times at the local level.

In saying all the things I did or participated in I think its critical to frame it as a partial contradiction. In any of the work in the executive or on the committees, its really the team that makes things happen. We are standing on the shoulders and work of the many who came before us. We also stand together because that's the greatest strength of the union. You can't even spell union without a "U" and a "I". There are many people here in the local each working hard in their positions. I offer my respect and thanks to each and everyone of them.

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