

June 14, 2016

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I am Julie Fenton and you either know me at CUPE National office, or from my correspondence requesting your support to elect me as an RVP, or to elect me as a member of the 2016-2017 Negotiating Committee, or you know me as a COPE 491 member since my hire at CUPE in 1996.

I am seeking your support, your vote, as I have been nominated as a National Vice-President of COPE 491 to represent you at the Table Officer level. I would very much like to represent you as a Table Officer, and I think I can make a difference in representing you and the issues of our union.

I hope that this correspondence can convince you that I intend to deal with matters in the speediest way. I personally find the current process extremely slow and frustrating, and I think we need an expedited manner to deal with our many issues, and the ones with the employer. I hope to strengthen our solidarity, because I feel we need this to make progress. We need to work together, communicate with each other, be a team, to be a union.

I will be away at the COPE National Convention in Toronto and at the two-day COPE 491 Executive meetings when the <u>vote opens on June 21st</u>; following that, I will be on vacation. Therefore, in advance, and by this correspondence, I am asking for your confidence in me to make that difference.

If you would like to ask me any questions, please contact me at <u>juliemaheu4@hotmail.com</u> and I will respond at the earliest. If you prefer, let me know your phone number and best time to return your call.

Thanking you in advance for your support and encouragement.

In solidarity,

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