



DELEGATE PROFILE



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Name:

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Local Number/USW District #:

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Employer, Job Title:

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Banking, financial services

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Castlegar, British Columbia

Hometown:

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What is unusual about your hometown, place of work or job?

"It's a town of 7,000 and it's the absolute greatest hockey town, anywhere."

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What does this year's theme, "The Power of Unity," mean to you? How has your local benefited from putting unity into action?

"We're 95 percent women in our local, with branches that are spread out quite a distance from each other. So unity to us is crucial. We were locked out last fall and that experience really brought us together and made us stronger in a huge way. It drove home our common interests."

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What issues will be important when your local's contract expires?

"I would hope that it wouldn't come up again, because we just had a fight last year over pensions – and we won. But I suppose it could come up in the future. If it does, we'll be ready for that fight."

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What's your favorite alternative fact?

"The one that really gets me is Trump saying he cares about women and women's health care, but he actually wants to cut Planned Parenthood and women's access to health care."

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Who would you prefer to have dinner with: Sean Spicer, Betty White, Vladimir Putin, Drake, or Céline Dion? Why?

"I'd probably love to talk to Betty White because she's an activist in her own right and she has the ability, at her age, to say whatever she wants and to be funny at the same time."

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What's the best thing about the convention so far?

"Meeting people, especially members that I got to know when I was a Steelworker Leadership Development student. I graduated in 2015 and it's great to re-connect with some of the people that I went through the program with."

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What things do you hope to do while you're here?

"I'm going to see Céline Dion while I'm here – and I know people are going to cringe at that, but I grew up loving her. Seeing the entire Strip is something else you have to do. Also, I'm going to try to find somewhere to eat breakfast that won't cost me \$40."

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What in this convention will you put to work when you return home?

"We're a small local and we don't usually send anyone to convention. I paid my own way to come here, to be part of it, and when I get back I plan to share what the convention is about, why it's important to get to know other Steelworkers and learn from their stories and experiences."

