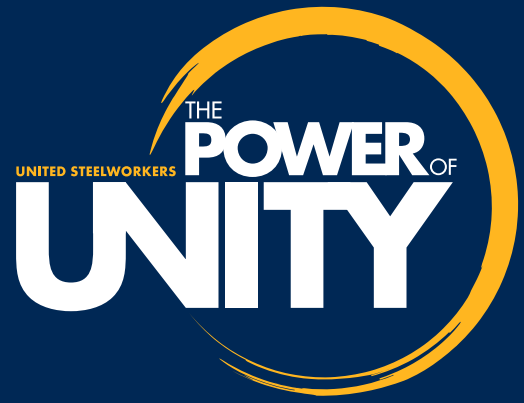




DELEGATE PROFILE



Kyle Johnston

Name:

Local 1944, Unit 205, District 3

Local Number/USW District #:

Telus, Network Build Technician

Employer, Job Title:

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Telecommunications

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Red Deer, Alberta

Hometown:

1

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

"Red Deer is located between Alberta's two big cities, so when it comes to hockey you either cheer for the Calgary Flames or the Edmonton Oilers and there are rivalries among friends and families. I'm a huge Oilers fan."

2

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

"In our last round of bargaining we did a lot of work through our CAT team and engaging our NextGen members to build unity. There are still issues, but we're going to continue to connect with our members and build a stronger local."

3

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

"Wages will continue to be important for us, keeping our pensions intact and dealing with the issue of contracting out and offshoring of our jobs – that's a big concern for our members."

4

What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Back home, we're seeing conservative groups promoting Make Alberta Great Again propaganda, which is really about bringing us back to the past when things weren't great. The reality is we have a progressive (NDP) government that is actually making things better."

5

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

"Betty White, hands down. Who wouldn't love that? I have a co-worker who comes to work wearing a Betty White T-shirt. I hope that, at that age, I'm still going as strong as she is."

6

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

"For me it's about networking and learning from all the other Steelworkers I'm meeting. There are so many great people I've met already and their stories and ideas are amazing."

7

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

"I wanted to do the CSI crime-solving experience here at the hotel because I was a CSI fan growing up. I did it, and that was a check mark on my inner-nerd bucket list."

8

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

"Definitely helping to build the Next Generation program and engaging young members in our local, that's my No. 1 goal."

