



DELEGATE PROFILE



Hugue Villeneuve

Name:

Amalgamated Local 9490, District 5

Local Number/USW District #:

Union Representative previously employed with RioTinto (Alma Plant)

Employer, Job Title:

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Aluminum manufacturing plant

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Saguenay, Que.

Hometown:

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

"That's a very broad question. I would say that what's unusual is anything that is not routine, and is fatal and unexpected: dismissals, closure, layoffs, sickness and death."

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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?

"For me, it means that it is today's reality: workers are not sufficiently aware of the strength of their numbers"

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

"It will be improving and keeping our gains. Among others, I think of monetary clauses and the pension plan."

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What's your favorite alternative fact?

"When people keep saying that "fighting and demonstrating is useless". I believe that history has proven quite the contrary. What comes to mind where I live is the 2011 dispute at Rio Tinto, the students' strike of 2012, the fight against orphan clauses at Ciment Lafarge and Resco, the step back on some bills, the change of government in the last Canadian election and then some..."

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

"I have no particular opinion on this matter."

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

"The introductory video of the Convention was really good. Artful and very convincing."

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

"To have some good discussions with my brothers and sisters."

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

"The importance of unity and mutual support must be reminded at every opportunity. It builds bridges. It binds."