



DELEGATE PROFILE



Terri Rinta

Name:

Local 2020, District 6

Local Number/USW District #:

Laurentian Child and Family Centre, early childhood educator

Employer, Job Title:

14

Early childhood education

Years as USW Member:

What does your local do or make?

Sudbury, Ontario

Hometown:

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

"We're a nickel mining town and we have the Big Nickel – a ginormous nickel that is part of a tourist attraction in the city."

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

"It means that we need to be united in order to do the work we have to do as a union, to defend and build on all of the things that we've accomplished."

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

"We're an amalgamated local and the issue that is important to just about all of our bargaining units is that employers are coming to the table with demands for concessions on health care benefits, so that is our big challenge."

4 What's your favorite alternative fact?

"Some people think unions are there only for their members and I'd say that's an alternative fact, because we know that unions have raised the bar for everyone, in so many ways, and we continue to fight to improve the lives of all workers."

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

"Betty White, because she's stayed true to herself and she says things that are hilarious but also have messages that people can relate to."

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

"On the convention floor and outside of the hall, you hear members' opinions and stories and you realize how similar the struggles are that we all face."

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

"I just want to meet members of our union from all over and learn from their experiences and their achievements."

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

"I'm going to take back what I've learned to my local, especially our goals to build on the achievements of our Women of Steel program, and use that to engage members in my local."

