

2021 BCGEU Bargaining Committee

The candidates are:

Katie Marvin



Katie has been a member of MoveUP since 2018 when she began working as a Temporary Support Staff at LMAO. She worked as a temp for three years prior to becoming a full-time support staff in 2020 at LMAO. Since becoming full-time, she eagerly now serves as a MoveUP job steward and JOHS representative.

Originally from the US (NYC) Katie has worked for large corporations as a buyer for large fashion houses (Nike, Calvin Klein, and Aritzia) before arriving to Canada. Katie holds a bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

She believes the importance of equality, equity, transparency and accountability are cornerstone of a union's success. Katie is excited to represent the interests of the members.

Carmen McChesney



I have been with the BCGEU since 2007 and work in our Terrace AO. I have been a steward since 2018 and have been on the OH&S Committee for the past several years. Having had a passion for activism and more particularly bargaining, several years ago I was fortunate enough to take the BCGEU Staff Representative Training, which included bargaining training. Although I eventually decided to step away from temp repping, I have always found the training to be beneficial, especially in my role as a steward. There are strategic and necessary ways to bargain and having a good understanding of what has happened in previous rounds of bargaining is imperative.

Please get involved and reach out to your Bargaining Committee, ask questions, express your concerns and more importantly take a few minutes to vote on who YOU think would best represent you at the table. It starts with you!

CANDIDATE BIOS



Amy Turton



Amy has been a MoveUP member at the BCGEU for almost 5 years and, as a new steward, she will bring a fresh perspective to the bargaining committee.

In her role as Digital IT support Amy sees many different types of work and knows that, while some of our jobs are very different, we share a lot of common concerns such as workload and coverage. Amy's years of experience working with community groups and on election campaigns – where it's common for stakeholders to have competing priorities - has allowed her to develop active listening skills. Amy's attention to detail and problem-solving skills helps keep projects on track. Amy will draw on her experience to help make this round of bargaining a success for MoveUP members.

Gagan Gill



Gagan Gill is an experienced steward and has recently been elected to represent you as an Executive Councillor. Gagan is committed to representing our members, she sits on the Joint Labour Management committee and the Employment Equity committee, so she is aware of the issues that are of most importance to our members. Gagan is committed to working with the bargaining committee in order to bargain for the best collective agreement for our members. She has been working hard to represent our members, for the past seven years she has been gaining valuable experience to fight for our best interests. She is a dedicated activist, committed to fighting for our members to ensure every voice is heard at the table.

Doris Stowe



Doris has been with the BCGEU since February 2009. She has worked in Negotiations, FVAO, LMAO, Organizing and Benefits before moving to the Nanaimo office in November 2016. Doris has both area offices (big and small) as well as HQ experience so she can represent a variety of the membership's needs.

Doris believes that working together as a team we can accomplish great things. She will stand up for her fellow colleagues and fight to achieve a collective agreement we deserve.

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Meaghan Morrice



Meaghan Morrice first joined the BCGEU in 2014 and became a steward 3 years later. Since then she has joined the MoveUP Youth Action Committee, has shared her union knowledge by facilitating Labour Education courses at high schools throughout B.C. and has attended multiple training sessions through MoveUP.

Growing up in a union household, she knew she wanted to make a difference in a labour setting since she was able to work.

Meaghan lives in Surrey with her husband, a new baby boy and their senior dog.

Amelia Peterson



Amelia (Amy) Peterson has been active in the labour movement for 5½+ years. She has worked her way up as a temp for 4 years to a regular support staff in 2017. Recently, Amelia started temping as a staff representative and she sits on your MoveUP Labour-Management committee. Amelia experiences first-hand many oppositional discussions with the employer.

Amelia has also participated in Union education focused on collective bargaining. From this experience, she gained knowledge on the bargaining process, has extensive knowledge of numerous other collective agreements, and cognizant of the potential impacts if a thorough comparison of ESA is not established.

Nothing would bring Amelia more pride than to continue serving you and the MoveUP membership in the next round of bargaining. Amelia pledges to make herself available for any concerns or questions.

Amelia's commitment will not waver. Thank you for your support.

Deena Coles

No bio submitted.