

My name is Kyle Clark and I am running for the position of third vice president of CUPE Local 523.

I live in the beautiful community of Silver Creek, nestled in the Salmon Valley between Salmon Arm and Vernon. My family and I run a small hobby farm where we sell free range eggs and pork.

I am currently serving as a shop steward in unit 83 for my third year. In this time I've learned so much about the importance of the union. Shop stewards are the first line of support for members who are being treated unfairly and I love being able to help when our brothers and sisters need it the most. I feel that having this direct connection with the membership makes me an ideal candidate for third Vice President.

In addition to the general duties of any executive member, 3rd vice is responsible for chairing the entertainment committee and the good and welfare committee. The personal aspects of these make 3rd vice an ideal position for a shop steward such as myself. Good and welfare in particular requires a level of compassion and discretion that stewards continuously practice.

I also excel at the day to day tasks involved with being an executive member. I currently sit as the CUPE rep on the policy committee for unit 83, as well as the site health and safety committee for my work site. I completed steward and local executive training at CUPE spring school for the past two years. I have also attended and reported out at several executive meetings and was a designate at the K-12 presidents' council.

CUPE is a democratic union so on March 9th and 10th I ask that you come out and vote for the best candidate. If you choose to write my name I will endeavour every day of my term to make sure your vote is well earned.

In Solidarity

Kyle Clark