

I am running because I care about the membership. Unions are under attack, we must stay strong in solidarity and take seriously the expression that we are brothers, sisters and siblings. We need to see each other as family to prosper.

Having only four of the current 12 Executive Board Members running for election (with only one of the four an officer) compromises continuity.

The position of President requires someone with institutional memory, current Executive Board experience and strong relationships within ACTRA and with industry partners in BC and internationally. As a founding member of UBCP, first serving on the Executive Board in 2004, current Treasurer and Past President, and current Vice President of ACTRA National I have those qualifications.

A year from now, having come through unprecedented labour disruptions—the NCA lockout and the WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes--we will be negotiating a renewal of the BCMPPA. It will be daunting, and it is imperative that the chair of the committee has the confidence of experience in that role.

Many thanks to the board members who are moving on to other pursuits. Their work and commitment has been exemplary. Special thanks to Ellie and John who have steered us through some stormy seas and whose leadership has transformed the union for the better.

I welcome diverse perspectives, am committed to working through consensus and achieving the best for the membership.

Take the time to consider the candidates and to vote. You have your part to play in our future.