

QPAT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2021-2023

By-Election Information

ELECTION OF **MEMBER-AT-LARGE** FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE 2021-2023 MANDATE (TO JUNE 30, 2023)

The call for nominations closed on **Wednesday, September 21, 2022.**

Information on the candidates for the Member-at-large position
can be found in this election newsletter.



Stephan Ethier

President
Laurier Teachers' Union
(LTU)



Lori Newton

President
Montreal Teachers' Association
(MTA)

**The vote will be held in schools and centres
on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.**

Information on voting procedures will be sent to the union delegate.



Stephan Ethier

NOMINATED BY:

Nick Ross, CVTA
 Brian Benoit, LTU
 Melanie Massarelli, LTU
 Steven Crawford, LTU
 Erin Zalavolgyi, LTU
 Heather Usher, LTU
 Julie Crevier, LTU
 Isabelle Plante, LTU
 Marie-Josée Madore, LTU
 Minas Kokinos, LTU
 Katrine Marrin, LTU
 Erica Guddemi, LTU
 Stephanie Wicki, LTU
 Daphné Petersen, LTU
 Elaine Jettée, LTU

Election statement

With my union experience and continuous commitment to represent teachers locally and provincially, I am presenting myself for the election of the QPAT Executive position Member-at-large. As the former Director of Membership Welfare and now Union President of the Laurier Teachers' Union (LTU), I have been representing teachers at the local and provincial levels on various committees, in meetings with the employer, as well as in arbitration and CNESST cases. I always strive to ensure teachers are well informed of their rights and benefits. I hope I can count on your vote so that I can continue to represent teachers at the provincial level.

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

1996-1999 Bachelor of Education,
Université du Québec à Hull

1994-1996 Diploma of College Studies Social
 Studies, Vanier College

1990-1991 Diploma of Vocational Studies,
Compétence 2000

Teaching Experience

1999-2000 Substitute Teacher – Des Draveurs
 School Board, Gatineau, Québec

1999-2000 Substitute Teacher – Des Portages
 School Board, Hull and Aylmer,
 Québec

1999-2000 Substitute Teacher –
 Western Québec School Board –
 Hull, Aylmer and Gatineau

2000-2001 Elementary Teacher – Twin Oaks
 Elementary, Sir Wilfrid Laurier
 School Board (SWLSB)

2001-2010 Elementary Teacher – Souvenir
 Elementary School, SWLSB

2010-2016 French Second Language Teacher –
 Laurentian Regional High School,
 SWLSB

Union Experience

2003-2006 Union Delegate – LTU

2006-2007 Local Negotiations Committee – LTU

2006-2010 Sector Director – LTU

2010-2012 Union Delegate – LTU

2011-2015 Labour Relations Committee – LTU

2012-2016 Sector Director – LTU

2014-2015 Mobilization Committee – QPAT

2014-2016 Nominations Committee – LTU

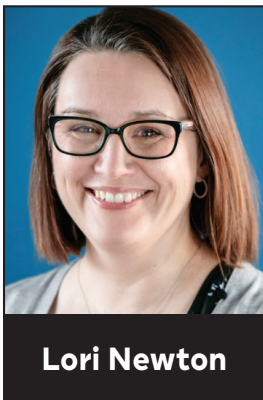
2016-2022 Director of Membership Welfare – LTU

2016 to present Health and Safety Committee – LTU
 Labour Relations Committee – LTU
 School Board Parity Committee –
 LTU/SWLSB
 Health and Safety Committee – QPAT
 Membership Plans Committee – QPAT

2022 to present President of LTU

Languages spoken and written

English and French



Lori Newton

NOMINATED BY:

- Matt Wilson, PTU
- Brian Smeltzer, WQTA
- Steven Le Sueur, RTU
- Marie-Pier Michaud, PTU
- Christina George, PTU
- Erica Lamothe, PTU
- Domenico Di Santo, MTA
- Nick Ross, CVTA
- Gail Bernstein, MTA
- Aleksandra Fani, MTA
- Sandra Greco, MTA
- Emilie Bertrand, MTA
- Karine Bélanger, MTA
- Andrew Adams, MTA
- Joanna Kim-Dussault, MTA

Election Statement

My name is Lori Newton, and I'm currently President of the Montreal Teachers' Association (MTA). After 21 years of teaching French as a Second Language at every level from pre-kindergarten to high school, I spent the next four years working on behalf of teachers as MTA Executive Assistant, before being elected to the role of MTA President in the spring of 2021. In fact, my service to members dates back to my years as MTA delegate in two schools and serving on many school and MTA committees. I have always felt strongly about defending teachers' working conditions, and have always fulfilled my various roles with empathy, discretion, and professionalism.

My positions within the MTA have allowed me to gain a deeper knowledge of syndical affairs and establish close working relationships with teachers in all sectors and with union colleagues across the province. However, it is my wide variety of teaching and syndical experiences coupled with my commitment to serving Quebec's diverse membership that will enable me to get the job done in an effective way with the QPAT Executive, while bringing a fresh perspective to the decisions made on your behalf. As we are already involved in a new round of negotiations at the sectorial and intersectorial tables, it is true now more than ever that the largest local union in the English sector needs to be represented at the QPAT Executive table. Although I represent the largest local union in an urban setting, I'm also sensitive to the needs and concerns of members in smaller communities outside of Montreal.

My experience as MTA President has helped me refine many skills that will continue to serve me well if I am elected to the position of member-at-large: the ability to work well under pressure, the inclination to be a life-long learner, the desire to defend teachers when employers go too far, and strong communication techniques are all abilities that I want to utilize on your behalf.

I want to thank each and every one of you for your dedication and resilience as educators, especially in the past few years. As school superintendent Colleen Wilcox said: "Teaching is the greatest act of optimism."

CURRICULUM VITAE

Education

- 2001 *Diplôme d'études supérieures spécialisées (didactique des langues secondes), Université de Montréal*
- 1996 Bachelor of Education, Brock University
- 1996 Bachelor of Arts, University of Waterloo

Work Experience

- 2021 to present MTA President
- 2017-2021 MTA Executive Assistant
- 2010-2017 French Teacher, John Paul I High School
- 2000-2010 Bilingual Generalist Teacher, St. Brendan Elementary School
- 1999-2000 French Specialist Teacher, Carlyle Elementary School
- 1997-1999 French Specialist Teacher, Dante Elementary School
- 1996-1997 Kindergarten Teacher, Garderie Blanche-Neige

Syndical and School Experience

- 2021 to present Observer, QPAT Executive
- 2021 to present MTA Delegate, QPAT Board of Directors
- 2021 to present MTA Delegate, QPAT Provincial Council
- 2017-2021 Member, QPAT Membership Plans Committee
- 2017-2021 Observer, QPAT Board of Directors
- 2017-2021 Observer, QPAT Provincial Council
- 2017 to present Member, MTA/EMSB Educational Policies Committee
- 2017 to present Member, MTA/EMSB EPC Adult Education and Vocational Training Sub committees
- 2017 to present Member, MTA/EMSB Special Education Committee
- 2013-2017 MTA delegate, QPAT Provincial Council
- 2013-2017 Member, MTA/EMSB Professional Improvement Committee (PIC)
- 2013-2014 MTA Nominations Committee
- 2012 to present Member, MTA Finance and Budget Committee
- 2010-2017 MTA Representative, John Paul I
- 2010-2017 Member, John Paul I School Council
- 2009-2017 Participant, MTA Reps Workshop
- 2007-2010 MTA Representative, St Brendan School
- 2005-2010 Member, St. Brendan School Council
- 2005-2010 Member, St. Brendan School Governing Board
- 1998-1999 Member, Dante Elementary School Governing Board