

**General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**

TELEPHONE TOWN HALL

The General Membership meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jeff Traeger, President, who chaired the meeting.

1. **Roll Call of Officers Present:** Jeff Traeger, **President**, Marie Buchan, **Secretary Treasurer**, **Vice-President** Sandy Barylski; **Vice-President** Kathy Brnjas; **Vice-President** Alex Ciumac; **Vice-President** Wes Connell; **Vice-President** Laura Cote; **Vice-President** Charlene Desjarlais; **Vice-President** Dianne Gibson-Pierce; **Vice-President** Dave Hamalainen; **Vice-President** Rob Jessup; **Vice-President** Lisa Larosa; **Vice-President** Frank Manaigre; **Vice-President** Dean Rodwell; **Vice-President** Roger Siemens; **Vice-President** John Sulyma; **Vice President** Malcolm Welch; **Vice-President** Tim Whitford

2. **2021 Town Hall Meetings:** President Traeger requested that before the meeting is formally started, he would like to again say Thank You to all of the members who continue to work on the front lines during this pandemic.

President Traeger then reviewed the format for the Telephone Town Hall meetings where the President and Secretary-Treasurer's reports as well as the minutes from the previous Town Hall meeting are available on the UFCW Local 832 website for members to read and will be asked to vote and approve as posted.

President Traeger also provided an update on the Local 832 Election which will close on October 29th at noon.

3. **Special Guest: Marie Buchan – Secretary Treasurer Local 832**
Marie Buchan discussed her recent acclimation to the position of Secretary Treasurer. Marie also spoke about her history with Local 832 and the new and exciting changes and opportunities as she steps into the role of Secretary Treasurer, especially during these unprecedented times of the COVID 19 pandemic.

4. **m/s/c TO accept the minutes of the previous meeting of Wednesday July 21st, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. as read on-line.**

5. **Special Guest: Ron Allard – Executive Advisor to the President**
Secretary Treasurer Marie Buchan, introduced Ron Allard who has been appointed as Executive Advisor to the President effective September 7, 2021

Ron provided an overview of his work history and his involvement with UFCW as a member working at Sysco Foods and joining Local 832 as a Union Representative and now as the EAP. He is proud to be the first indigenous person to be in a leadership role at Local 832 and looks forward to ensuring the membership know we are here to support everyone.

6. **m/s/c TO accept the Financial Report for the 7-month period ending July, 2021.**

7. **Presidents Report:**
m/s/c TO accept the President’s report as posted.

8. **Special Guest: Max Paches Director of Information Technology, Facilities and Privacy Officer**

Secretary Treasurer Marie Buchan, introduced Max Paches who has joined the leadership team at Local 832 as Director of Information Technology, Facilities and Privacy Officer.

Max discussed his history from immigrating to Canada from the Ukraine in 1998. Upon arrival in Canada he realized the many opportunities there were and he followed his passion of network engineering. Max obtained his diploma and explained how he became part of the Local 832 staff and the opportunities and challenges this position provides.

9. **Open Questions**

Throughout the meeting there were 6 questions taken from the members on the line and all but 1 question was answered. All questions asked and responses provided are recorded and kept on file. The meeting was adjourned with 1 unanswered question in the queue and the Union Rep for this query was instructed to contact the member to respond to the question within 24 hours of the meeting.

m/s/c to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**Recorded by Laureen Henkel for
Deborah Jones, Recorder**

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A full transcription and a list of members taking part in the telephone town hall are kept on file in a binder and stored with these minutes.