

Jean Lortie
General Secretary of the CSN



Candidate for the position of General Secretary of the CSN

Age: 54

Place of birth: Ottawa

- Front-desk clerk at Hôtel Gouverneur Place Dupuis Montréal
- Employee at Hôtel Gouverneur Place Dupuis Montréal since June 1979
- Member of the Syndicat des travailleuses et des travailleurs de l’Hôtel des Gouverneurs Place Dupuis (CSN) since its founding in 1981
- Union treasurer, secretary, grievance officer (1983–1986)
- Founding member of CSN’s National Youth Committee (1984-1985)
- Treasurer of the Fédération du commerce (CSN) (1986–1998)
- President of the Fédération du commerce (CSN) (1998–2011)
- Labour co-chair of the Quebec Tourism Human Resources Council (1994–2011)
- Labour co-chair of the Canadian Tourism Human Resources Council (2002–2014)
- B.A. in history, Université de Montréal (1984)
- Master’s studies completed in history, Université de Montréal (1984–1986)
- Graduate certificate in human resources management, McGill University (2011)
- Member of the Commission des partenaires du marché du travail (CPMT)

As a hotel worker since 1979 (Hôtel des Gouverneurs Place Dupuis Montréal), I signed my CSN membership card in January 1981 during the raiding campaign in the hotel sector.

It's at the age of 18 that I chose the CSN, and this choice is still the driving force that motivates me today.

In 1983, I became active within the CSN, when I was elected treasurer of my union. Since then I have held various positions within the Fédération du commerce and the CSN.

I became more active within the CSN in 1984-1985, when I participated along with other young union activists in creating CSN's National Youth Committee.

I had the pleasure of becoming active in the CSN at a very young age, and I am still eager today to continue this work by being candidate as General Secretary of the CSN.

Once again I have chosen to run for the position of General Secretary of the CSN because I want to share my experience as a union member and activist from the private sector of the CSN with the other comrades on the Executive Committee of the CSN. I also want to help meet the many challenges that lie ahead for us as a union organization: consolidating union life, recruiting in sectors where union density is low, being able to fulfil the aspirations of the younger generations in our workplaces and ensuring the transfer of knowledge, experience and union know-how to them, and finally, helping to strengthen our organization.

The CSN is on a resolute path leading towards its centennial in 2021. More than ever, we need the CSN to be an even stronger and more dynamic organization, present and serving workers everywhere, in all regions and sectors of the economy.

Long live the CSN!

Jean Lortie