

**Caroline Senneville**  
**President of the CSN**



## **Candidate for President**

<b>Since 1990</b>	Member of the Syndicat des professeures et professeurs du Cégep de Limoilou–CSN
<b>1994-1997</b>	Active on local union committees, union delegate to Fédération nationale des enseignantes et des enseignants du Québec (FNEEQ) decision-making bodies
<b>1997-2001</b>	President of my union
<b>1998-2001</b>	Member of the Conseil central de Québec-Chaudière-Appalaches (CCQCA) Union Council
<b>2000-2001</b>	Member of the FNEEQ Federal Bureau
<b>2001-2004</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> vice-president of the FNEEQ
<b>2004-2012</b>	General Secretary and Treasurer of the FNEEQ
<b>2012-2017</b>	President of the FNEEQ
<b>2017-2021</b>	First Vice-President of the CSN
<b>Since June 2021</b>	<b>President of the CSN</b>

Between 2004 and 2021, I was a member of various committees of the CSN:

- Confederal Status of Women Committee
- Committee against Violence and Psychological Harassment
- Political Orientation Committee
- Jurisdiction Committee

Hello everyone,

Allow me to introduce myself: Caroline Senneville, union activist for nearly 30 years. After six years on the CSN Executive Committee – four as First Vice-President and two as President – I am seeking a new term as President of the CSN.

I am a member of the Syndicat des professeures et professeurs du Cégep de Limoilou–CSN, which has been affiliated with the CSN since its creation in 1967. At that time, Cégep teachers had to choose their affiliation. My union decided to join workers from all walks of life and become part of a multisectoral, worker-based confederation, instead of affiliating with a labour body that was present only in the education system. It was an important labour choice and political choice, one with which I fully identify.

If we call ourselves trade unionists, we must fully embrace the meaning of the word “solidarity.” We must practice solidarity among ourselves as members, among our affiliates, and with all unions and workers. We can’t just say it and chant it: we have to live it! We must feel the solidarity in our ranks and in our actions. It must flow in our veins.

I am a team player and I want to continue being a positive, unifying leader who is close to the members, a leader who reaches out. Not just to talk and make speeches but to listen, to hear you.

I was elected in 2021 with a commitment to be a grassroots president, and that’s what I’ve done when I’ve visited you on the picket lines, at protests, at your union’s anniversary celebration, or in your workplace. In every interview I have given, I have spoken on your behalf. I have tried to speak for those whose voices are not heard.

For over 100 years, the CSN’s mission has been to make the world a better place. By organizing, by negotiating better working conditions, by mobilizing, by fighting. And without solidarity, we cannot win our battles. Solidarity isn’t just a catchphrase; it is the foundation on which we build victories for us all.

We must not forget that our opponents are populist or conservative governments, crooked bosses, racists, homophobes, misogynists. Our opponent is an economic system that uses and abuses all resources, including human resources. The wealth of our society is built on the sweat of our brows, the strength of our arms, our creativity, our ideas. What we are all fighting for is recognition of the true value of our labour in our workplaces and in society in general.

We are the CSN. Every day we fight for dignity and respect. We are a chain. Our federations, central councils and unions are linked together to make us an incomparable labour force. United, nothing can defeat us. Let us fight with all our strength and without pause. Let us continue the struggle!

With your support, I am ready to continue contributing as an activist and to defend the values that unite us: solidarity and better working and living conditions. Together, let’s build a fairer, more inclusive, more egalitarian and greener society for all.

Caroline Senneville