

Yvan Duceppe
CSN Treasurer



Candidate for the position of Treasurer of the CSN

Union CV

CSN Treasurer — 2021 to present

- Responsible for financial administration of the CSN and the Professional Defence Fund
- Political officer responsible for the Finance, IT, and Buildings departments
- Member of the Confederal Human Resources Committee
- Political officer responsible for the environment and sustainable development and for public finance
- Political officer responsible for the CSN's "collective instruments", i.e. Fondation, Bâtirente, MCE Conseils, and the Caisse d'économie solidaire; Chair of the Boards of Directors of Bâtirente and MCE Conseils, member of the Board of Directors of Fondation, and Chair of its Investment Committee

Treasurer of the Fédération des Professionnelles (FP) – 2000-2021

- Responsible for financial administration of the Fédération des Professionnelles and for the environment and sustainable development file
- Member of the Confederal Human Resources Committee
- Member of the CSN Pensions and Benefits Committee, 2012-2021
- Member of the Confederal Bargaining Committee, 2019-2020
- Member of the Credentials Committee at the CSN's 2017 Convention

Syndicat des travailleuses et travailleurs du Groupe de Consultation CSN (MCE Conseils)

- Founding member of the union in 1994, Secretary-Treasurer from 1994 to 2007 and President from 2007 to 2020
- Activist in the Fédération des Professionnelles, the Conseil central de la Montérégie and the CSN

Brothers and Sisters,

I am very proud to seek a second term as Treasurer of the Confédération des syndicats nationaux at the 67th CSN Convention, to be held from May 15 to 19.

I have been an active member of the CSN for almost 30 years. In 1994, I was involved in founding my union at MCE Conseils, the STT du Groupe de consultation CSN. I served as its Secretary-Treasurer until 2007 and then its President until 2020.

Throughout the years, I was active in my central council, the Conseil central de la Montérégie, and in my federation, the Fédération des Professionnelles, where I was elected Treasurer in 2000, a position I held until I was elected Treasurer of the CSN.

I am proud of our movement's fighting spirit, and I intend to continue on the same path: equipping ourselves to be able to wage all of our struggles. The Professional Defence Fund (PDF), which is one of the CSN's great strengths, must continue in the direction it has taken in the past two years and firmly support the battles waged by our unions and our members in all sectors. For this it is also important to have sufficient resources to properly support, advise and defend the unions and the members we represent. The CSN's operating budget must therefore also show that we have the means to back up our ambitions. The PDF's current financial position and the CSN's operating budget would allow us to adopt approaches that more effectively support our union struggles.

During the last term, I have also seen that our administrative tools are not yet where they should be. We must continue to make improvements to ensure that our unions receive administrative support that meets their expectations. I intend to work with all the components of the movement to achieve this during the next term.

As the member of the CSN executive responsible for the environment and sustainable development, I have seen how governments and too many businesses don't take the climate crisis and the resulting disruptions as seriously as they should. It is clear that we need to do things differently if we are to limit global warming. The resulting transformation of the economy is certain to have an impact in many workplaces. Therefore, without a genuinely just transition that truly involves workers, who are the first people affected by these changes, this transition is doomed to failure. It is up to an organized force like the CSN to ensure that this necessary transition is just and that we preserve, protect and develop our jobs.

Brothers and sisters, during my 30 years at MCE Conseils where I supported many unions, as an activist in my union, my federation and my central council, and most recently as Treasurer of the CSN, I have always acted with commitment and transparency. With your support, I will continue to do so.

The Convention of our CSN, a democratic and combative movement dedicated to protecting and improving the working and living conditions of its members, is fast approaching. It is an essential event for the vitality of our movement and for union democracy, a principle that guides and will always guide our actions. I look forward to seeing you there.

Yours in solidarity,

Yvan Duceppe