

KATIA LELIÈVRE

3rd Vice-President of the CSN – Candidate for re-election



UNION CV

2021-present

- 3rd Vice-President of the CSN Executive Committee
 - Officer responsible for the Mobilization and Regional Support Service (SAMVR–CSN)
 - Officer responsible for Québec regions
 - Officer responsible for:
 - Education
 - Childcare services
 - Immigration
 - LGBT+
 - Youth
 - Indigenous peoples

2008–2015 and 2018–2021

- President of the Syndicat des employés de magasins et de bureaux de la SAQ (SEMB-SAQ–CSN)

2006-2008 and 2016-2018

- Vice-President for Mobilization, Union Life and Information of the SEMB-SAQ–CSN

2004-2006

- Regional delegate for Laval–Rive Nord, SEMB-SAQ–CSN

2013–2021

- Member of the FEESP–CSN Federal Bureau

2013–2018

- Chair of the FEESP–CSN Education Committee

2018–2021

- President of the FEESP–CSN government organizations section

2013–2021

- Delegate to the Confederal Council

1998–2008

- Chair of the Board of Directors of the Maison de la famille de Bois-des-Filion

Why I'm standing for the position of 3rd Vice-President of the CSN

Brothers and sisters,

The 68th CSN Convention is fast approaching. This gathering of labour activists is the pinnacle of democracy in action at the CSN. It is where we come together to discuss the Confederation's direction and elect our representatives. I hope to see many of you there!

In recent years, the entire labour movement has been under attack from the right and the CAQ government. It is with the conviction that we must organize the fightback together that I am seeking another term as 3rd vice-president of the CSN.

Over the past three years, I have worked hard, with the officers of the central councils, to build our capacity for resistance and our regional cohesion. The Mobilization and Regional Support Service (SAMVR-CSN) continues to analyze and improve its practices, in collaboration with the various components of the movement. The union advisors for mobilization are better equipped than ever before. The regions are meeting more and more frequently, coordinating with each other, working together, and a new dynamic is taking shape, producing regional and provincial alliances. My goal remains unchanged: to steadily improve our collective ability to effectively fight employers who are determined not to share their wealth and a government that is cutting public services and taking an authoritarian turn with troubling implications for the rule of law. If we want to live in a Québec that cares for its people, we have to keep fighting on all fronts!

I am more determined than ever to continue dedicating my energy, enthusiasm, fighting spirit, and creativity to the greater good, whether that means fighting for better conditions of employment or, more broadly, for the well-being of the working class in general. I'm motivated to continue to Stand Together with you!

My activism began atypically with a community organization, Maison de la Famille, in 1998. Then I served as representative of my local union, the SEMB-SAQ-CSN, from 2004 to 2021. With that experience under my belt, I was elected to the position on the CSN Executive Committee that I hold today, in which I have championed the concrete concerns of local unions, the 13 central councils and the most vulnerable members of our society. I have now served two terms on the Executive.

I truly believe that the CSN is the only organization with the means to continue building local solidarity and to gain the leverage needed to win victories on all fronts.

The 68th CSN Convention will be an opportunity for debate, discussion and dialogue. Above all, it will be a place of pride and solidarity. I can't wait to see you there!

Solidarity!

Katia Lelièvre