



Sisters and Brothers,

Welcome to the 24th Biennial Convention. My name is Steven Roach and for the past 8 years it has been my honor to serve as your Region 5 Board Member and I am again asking for your support to continue to represent you on NAPE's Board of Directors.

I have been a Youth Care Counsellor with the Department of Justice for over 30 years and a proud NAPE union activist for 25 of those years. I have held the positions of President, Chief Shop steward, co-chair of the Labor Management committee and I'm currently in the position of Vice President and Co-Chair of the OH&S committee. I have been honored to be elected by the Board of Directors to Chair NAPE's Legislation committee for the past 4 terms. I've served on the biennial convention finance committee and have attended NAPE's labor school completing courses in; pensions, collective bargaining, OHS, mental health in the work place, leadership, economics for everyone as well as shop steward 1 & 2, advanced shop steward and local officer training.

In my role as Region 5 board member I have had the privilege to attend your local meetings, conduct your election of officers, meet your members and to take your concerns and issues to the Board and have them addressed. I have also organized and attended rallies in our region and provincially against cut backs, closures, and staffing shortages.

With the recent election of the Liberal Government under Premier Andrew Furey and his commissioning Dame Moya Green to head up his Economic Recovery Team followed by the submission of the Greene Report it looks like we are headed for rough times ahead. As an experienced board member and Union Activist I am up to the challenge of fighting for our members alongside you and the Board of Directors against any cutbacks and austerity measures that this government attempts to take.

I would like to once again thank you for the privilege of serving as your region 5 Board member and respectfully ask for your support to continue to serve you for the ensuing term.

Yours in unionism,

Steven Roach

