

March 19, 2025

CUFA Elections 2025

Position Applied For: Treasurer

To: Elections Committee

From: Ian Rakita

Subject: Position Statement

I hereby apply for the open CUFA Executive Committee position as Treasurer. I have extensive CUFA experience as Member-at-large (two years), Treasurer (four years), President (five years) and Past President (two years). My previous experience as Treasurer, makes me uniquely qualified to assume the same role for the upcoming two-year term. An additional benefit that I would bring to the position is my competence in the field of Finance. I completed my PhD in Finance twenty-five years ago and, as well, received the highly sought after Chartered Financial Analyst designation. I am well-positioned to manage the day-to-day financial affairs of the association as well as the union's growing portfolio. I served as Chief Negotiator of the 2012-2015 collective agreement (CA) and I am capable of contributing, in a meaningful way, in the next round of negotiations. Negotiations for the next CA will likely be the most difficult in the history of CUFA given Concordia's financial woes. I believe that I have extensive knowledge of how the university operates (I also serve on Senate) and will be a valuable asset to CUFA in the coming years. Finally, I have helped our membership navigate through what was probably the greatest health care challenge that we are ever likely to face. Given my knowledge and experience, I hope I can count on support from you, our members.