

## **VP – Nominations (interim):**

### Erica Ans

I'm putting my name forward for Nominating VP because I'm eager to contribute more actively to our Local. I've been teaching in Halifax County for 18 years and have served as a school rep for over a decade. I currently sit on the Nominating Committee and have previously served on both the Economic Welfare and Communications Committees. I enjoy the collaborative work this role involves and am proud of the progress we've made.

I've represented our Local at Annual Council for several years and participated in Labour Day rallies and other actions in support of public education, including those leading up to the NSTU strike.

I bring strong organizational and leadership skills from the experience I have gained through executive roles with Provincial and National Table Tennis organizations as well as my international table tennis qualifications.

I'd be honoured to serve Halifax County members as Vice President – Nominating.



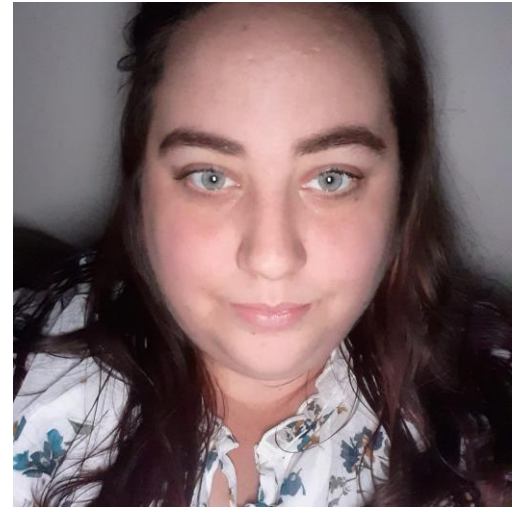
### Paul Murphy

Hi, I am Paul Murphy, a teacher at CPA high school. I am running for the Vice President of Nominations. I have been involved in the union for the past ten yrs as a school rep and serving on the executive of Halifax City before transferring schools and becoming a member of Halifax County. I have served on several local committees in the City and currently I am part of the Halifax County PD committee. I have also served on the Provincial Pension committee, the Provincial Health and Safety committee and currently I am on the Sheonoroil board. My main reason for becoming involved with the union was information and knowledge with which I felt needed to be shared with our members. There are numerous issues such as time, class sizes, diverse classes, lack of specialist support that I believe strongly in. The biggest issue within our union that I feel we need to address is engagement. I hope in the role of nominations to not only deal with the known roles with nominations but also to help more members become engaged and involved in the union.



## Jessica Wells

I am excited to put my name forward for the role of VP Nominations with Halifax County Local. I bring strong organizational skills, attention to detail, and a commitment to fairness and transparency. I believe in the importance of inclusive representation and am passionate about encouraging a wide range of members to get involved in union leadership. I am comfortable managing timelines, facilitating clear communication, and maintaining accurate records—key aspects of this role. I am committed to upholding the Local's constitution and ensuring all elections and committee selections are run professionally and equitably. I value collaboration, integrity, and supporting others in their leadership journeys. I am prepared to attend required meetings, contribute to planning, and maintain clear documentation to support smooth transitions. I look forward to working with the Executive and supporting the Local's mission. I would be honoured to serve in this capacity and contribute to shaping a strong, inclusive leadership team.



## **Secretary:**

### Shelly Bembridge

I've been a public school teacher in Nova Scotia since 2003 and am deeply committed to student engagement, equity, and innovation. With a background in business and a Master's degree in Social Justice Education, I bring both analytical thinking and a big-picture mindset to my work. I'm an avid grant writer, always seeking ways to secure funding that expands opportunities for students. I'm a proud disrupter of systems that don't work and a passionate adopter of technology that helps us work wiser, not harder—supporting both learners and teachers alike.

I've served on the Provincial NSTU PR/PA Committee and contributed to local initiatives through the Social and Wellness Committee. Now that I'm almost an empty nester, I finally have the space and energy to give back in new ways. I'm running for Secretary to bring clear, organized, and responsive communication—and a collaborative, solution-focused presence—to our Halifax County Local team.

**VOTE! SHELLY  
BEMBRIDGE**



**CLEAR & RESPONSIVE COMMUNICATOR**

### Sarah McCann

Hello! I'm excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Halifax County Local Secretary. With over a decade of NSTU involvement in various roles, including Local Representative, Committee Member, Annual Council Delegate, and Member-at-Large for the Halifax City Local, I am a dedicated Union member ready to bring the same level of dedication to the role of Local Secretary.

In this important role, I will bring organization, accuracy, and attention to detail. With a strong background in communication, I will ensure clear and concise record-keeping and consistent support for our Local leadership and members. This position is not just administrative—it's foundational to keeping our local strong, informed, and effective. I would be honoured to have your support as we work together to build a stronger, more connected Halifax County Local. Thank you so much for your consideration!

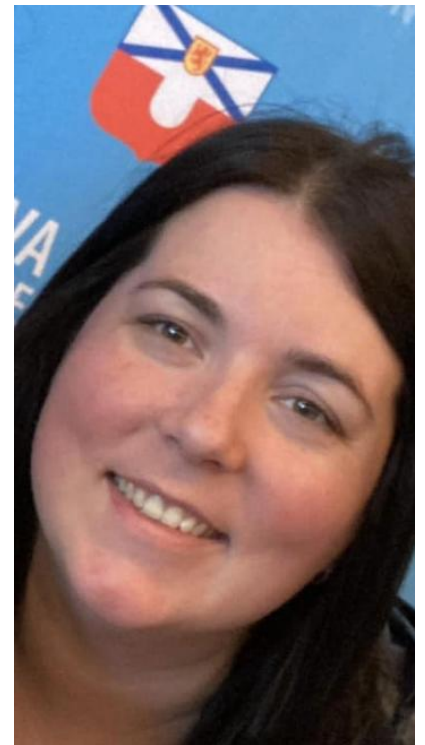


### Deidra Peverill

Math teacher of 13 years, I am dedicated to the work of the Local and am prepared to contribute more significantly. My union involvement includes serving as an engaged school rep for five years, active member of the Local Social & Wellness Committee; Economic Welfare & Resolutions Committee; as well as the Provincial Professional Development Committee. I have also been a delegate to Annual Council for 3 years and have attended events such as rep training, various conferences, Halifax Pride Parade, Labour Day and other rallies. Highlights of qualifications:

- Experienced NSTU volunteer
- Highly organized
- Tech savvy: spreadsheets and digital tools
- Creative: event posters, infographics, images
- Team-focused self-starter
- Due-date ninja

I am passionate about advocating for the needs of our members. I look forward to and would be honoured to bring my experience, skills, and dedication to the role of Secretary for Halifax County Local.





## **VP – Equity & Reps**

### Shelley Rigby

Fellow County Members, my name is Shelley Rigby, and I'm seeking your support to continue as Vice President of the Equity & Reps Committee. I've proudly served as a Halifax County School Rep for over 25 years and was a member of this committee for three years before becoming VP last year. Over the past year, I've helped organize a successful Rep Training at the Old Orchard Inn, two Equity events, and meals for our General Meetings—all with the help of a dedicated committee. These experiences have strengthened my commitment and prepared me to keep serving you in this role. I'm passionate about supporting our members and advancing equity across Halifax County. I'd be honoured to have your vote to continue this work.

Please show your support at the General Meeting on June 4th! Feel free to reach out with any questions to [sdrigby@nstu.ca](mailto:sdrigby@nstu.ca)



## **VP – Communications (interim)**

### Meg Ferguson

With 25 years of dedicated service to our Local, I will bring experience, passion, and leadership to the role. I've proudly served as our Local President, Provincial Executive, and Local Executive positions, not to mention many local, regional, and provincial committees. You have most likely seen me at Local meetings, demonstrating or taking photos at Labour Day Rallies / Pride Parades, and nearly every rally during "The Troubles" that led to our historic strike.

I believe that strong Public Relations, Public Affairs, and Communications are essential to building a strong union. If elected, I will continue this important work by helping to educate and connect our members, engage decision-makers, as well as amplify the work and wins of our Local.

I would be honoured to serve our members once again. Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Meg Ferguson

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## Member-at-Large

Jonathon Sproul

Fellow County Members,

With great excitement, I confirm my candidacy for a second term as your Member-At-Large (MAL) of Halifax County. After serving for 2.5 years, I once again ask for your support with the same message: appreciation and well-being for members.

During my term, I've prioritized initiatives with direct impact—updating AV/tech, launching our website, attending the Equity Conference, Article 60 committee, organizing engagement activities, and supporting events like Annual Council, Retirement celebrations, Communication Conferences, and Rep Training.

I hope my work has shown the broad skill set this role requires. I remain committed to representing our Local with pride, through hard work and a member-focused approach where no one feels unseen. With my technical and interpersonal strengths and willingness to face challenges, I aim to make Halifax County Local an even stronger home for our nearly 2,500 members.

On June 4, I ask for your vote. Let's stay #HalifaxCountyStrong!

In solidarity,

Jonathon Sproul



## Treasurer

Elizabeth Thomas

Hi, I'm Elizabeth Thomas, and I'm running for Treasurer. I've been actively involved with the NSTU for over 20 years, always focused on supporting teachers in meaningful ways. I currently serve as the HRRC treasurer and previously held the same role for the Tri-County RRC in 2022–2023. Over the years, I've been part of finance committees in both my current and former locals, gaining hands-on experience with budgeting, awarding scholarships, verifying receipts, writing cheques, and reconciling monthly accounts. I'm also comfortable using Quicken, the financial software used by our local. While in my previous local, I attended two Local Presidents/Treasurers conferences, which helped strengthen my understanding of responsible and transparent financial practices. I'm passionate about organization, accuracy, and accountability—and I'd be honoured to bring that dedication to the role of Halifax County Local Treasurer.

