



PREM MARIMUTHU

For President of ACFC West



Dear Brothers and Sisters of ACFC,

I was ecstatic to be nominated by Geoff Knight (the out going President) for the position of President of ACFC West, as it is a direct match with my experience, qualifications and also my passion.

Mental Health Awareness has always been close to my heart (for personal reasons). Since becoming President I moved that ACFC change from having no affiliation with “Call Time Mental Health” to working with them. I am proud to say our relationship has now evolved to having our Chief Steward, Jeff Holloway, a member of the committee. I also made the motion that all courses certified by “The Canadian Mental Health Association” eligible for reimbursement for all members, through our “Education and Training” program. If you read no further, I would hope these acts would encourage you to vote for me.

I expect many of you have already met me, having worked with me or knowing me as a Shop Steward. I have always believed in my social responsibilities of helping other members, and have been a Shop Steward on every (including the first) ACFC show I have ever worked on. I hope you will read on to consider the value I will bring to you and ACFC. As your President I have already put great effort into promoting our talented workers and the spectacular locations that only BC and ACFC have to offer, working to make our sets safer and establishing and maintaining strong relationships with the union movement - together we are all stronger. My experience in production/event management spans over 30 years. From my first day-call with I.A.T.S.E 471 in Ottawa, I have progressed from the smaller scale events and trade shows to working on major motion pictures. I recently have spent hundreds of hours researching financial vehicles for our retirement. I am proud to say that our inside workers at ACFC will now have a pension (not a RRSP but a pension plan - please vote for me so I continue this work!) My career has been inextricably intertwined with the labour relations aspects and collaboration that make television shows, movies, and special events come together and come to life.

In addition to my relevant work experience in marquee special events, live sports broadcast events, and proven experience managing multiple complex projects, my formalized education has also been honed to focus on positive union solutions to negotiations. Whether it be the **Anti-Bullying, Shop Stewarding, Conflict Resolution** and **Sexual Harassment** courses put on by our local or others, the **Health and Welfare, Accident Investigation**, and WCB courses done at the Provincial level (BC Federation of Labour) or the **Parliamentary Procedure, Public Speaking and Collective Bargaining**, and the **Facing Management** courses at the Federal level (Canadian Labour Congress) - all the training and studies that I have undertaken have developed my world view and given me the skills needed to solidify them to continue as your President in ACFC. My past affiliations include Safety and Health in Arts Production and Entertainment (S.H.A.P .E.) standing committee member and a member of United States Institute of Theatre Technology (USITT), a former board member of IATSE (891), and a former board member of the Canadian Institute of Theatre Technology(CITT).

Vote for me, Prem Marimuthu I will finish the work I have started and I will actively promote and support you. Together we can continue, “building on our past to forge our tomorrow”.

In solidarity,
Prem Marimuthu
Current Vice-President - A.C.F.C. West, Local 2020 UNIFOR

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