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To: Steve Querengesser stevequ@gmail.com



Hi Steve,

Let me know if you want any changes to this:

It is with delight that I endorse Steve Querengesser (aka Miro's Dad) as he seeks to become elected as 2nd Vice President of the BCTF.

My first impression of Steve was at the 2017 BCTF AGM, when, as Local President in Haida Gwaii, he motivated the Federation to fund a 0.5 FTE teaching position in District 50 in order to help revitalize Indigenous languages. That motion passed and the position was created, funded by a grant from the Federation for one year. The District now funds a full-time position to do this work, thanks to Steve's long term vision and perseverance.

Since then, Steve has gone on to complete a Masters in Educational Leadership, with a focus on union leadership. His final project was the creation of a workshop to guide union leaders in building trust with and engagement of members through listening and responding to their needs and values. If you get a chance to read his final project, or attend the workshop, I recommend it.

Transformational leadership is needed in the Federation at this crucial time, and Steve is that leader.

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