**CANDIDATES FOR THE L.F.A. VICE PRESIDENT – 2013-2014**

Voting for the 2013-2014 LFA Vice President will commence on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013** and close on **Monday, April 8, 2013**, at **3:30 p.m.**

**SCOTT MCLEAN, ECONOMICS**

I am pleased to have this opportunity to write about my interest in the position of Vice President. For those of you who I have not yet met, I started at Langara in 2008 as an instructor in the Economics Department, where I have also served as the Department Chair for the past 2 years. Given that I am a relatively new member, one of my strengths is the diversity I will add to the administration of the LFA.

As an instructional faculty member I have firsthand experience dealing with the challenges faced by the LFA members in instructional roles. I see this familiarity as a strength I bring to representing the instructional members on issues most important to them. I also feel that serving in the Department Chair role has given me some perspective on the work of the non-instructional LFA members and look forward to the opportunity to represent their interests wholeheartedly.

My involvement with the LFA has increased significantly over the recent past. I was very pleased to be approached to be a part of the LFA bargaining team and honored to be approved by the membership to serve in this capacity. As a member of the bargaining team, I gained valuable experience through observing bargaining between other FPSE locals and the PSEA at the template table and working with the other members of the LFA’s team in reaching the recently ratified Collective Agreement.

In addition to the work on the bargaining team, I have been invited to represent the LFA on the search committees for both the Director of Financial Services and the Dean of Social Science and Management, to sit on recent LFA board meetings, and to attend the most recent Joint Labour Management Committee meeting as an observer. The later two opportunities provided me with insight into some of the more contentious issues faced by LFA members. I feel strongly that I will be able to contribute positively towards promoting and protecting the welfare of the LFA members on these types of issues.

I am committed to communicating the ongoing business on the Union to LFA members and will have an open door to discuss what is important to you personally. I value fairness and inclusiveness and am willing to work to achieve outcomes that are in the collective interest. I am a team member who has passion and ideas, but that does not only promote what is in my interest. I am a willing listener and have long realized (and often remind myself) that there is always something new to learn or a different perspective that I should work had to understand.

I value the efforts that I see my colleagues putting towards making Langara a great place to work and for students to learn and to be supported equally. I look forward to building on my experiences as an instructional faculty member, a Department Chair, and my recent work serving the LFA. I am aware that the position of Vice President carries increased responsibility and am committed to working hard for the LFA members. I thank you for taking the time to read this and for considering me for this important position.

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**SUSAN WEBER, LIBRARY**

I have served on the LFA Board since 2006, as Secretary in 2011 and as Vice-President since 2012. I am also the Chair of Langara’s Human Rights and International Solidarity Committee and serve on the FPSE committee of the same name.

This year I have worked on updating our members’ contacts and putting some life into the LFA web presence, with news and bargaining updates that are pertinent to our sector. Since I first became an LFA Board member, we have been through several rounds of collective bargaining. I have acted as co-ordinator of the Team Captains during the 2010 round. In the 2013 round, I tried to infuse our website with news about other BC post-secondary bargaining. This also feeds Twitter and Facebook.

My work at Langara, as Media Librarian, brings me into contact with all departments and faculty who are users of visual media. I have worked in the audiovisual field all of my professional career, and have been the organizer of provincial events such as professional development and trade shows since 1994.

My skills are coordination, organization, cooperation and flexibility. As Vice-President, I chair the PDSF committee and sit on the Ed. Leave committee, the Research Committee, Joint Labour Management and Joint Committee on Continuing Studies. I have enjoyed working at a different level of Langara operations in the Vice-President position and ask for your support so that I may continue that participation.

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