

SEIU-West Members Elect New President

Saskatchewan—SEIU-West members joined together at their bi-annual convention on May 27, 28, and 29, 2025 to vote on Constitutional changes as well as elect leadership for their Local including a new president.

“I’m humbled by the confidence the membership has in my ability to run our Union,” says Lisa Zunti, President of SEIU-West. “I’m excited to take on this role and help this organization to evolve and do new and great things.”

Lisa has served as an SEIU-West Executive Board member for over five years and is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) who has worked within the healthcare system for over 20 years at St. Paul’s Hospital as well as Rosthern Union Hospital.

“I think I bring a different perspective and can speak to the realities facing our members in both urban and rural settings and how this impacts the care our patients, clients, and residents receive,” adds Lisa. “While there’s no easy fix to the issues we face in any of our sectors like education, community-based organizations, or healthcare, I’m ready to get to work.”

In particular, SEIU-West’s new president is interested in promoting the full utilization of the skills our members possess to improve outcomes for patients, clients, residents, and students.

“Having worked in various areas of healthcare from long-term care to operating rooms, I know first-hand the value that LPNs bring to the healthcare system when their skills are used to their full potential,” continues Zunti. “I think that there are other classifications that are being undervalued and underutilized that could make the difference in our service delivery.”

While her background is in the medical aspect of the healthcare system, Lisa is an advocate for all members. She has been a member facilitator for 16 years, a Shop Steward for 18 years, and Unit Chair for St. Paul’s Hospital for 12 years.

“I was a fierce advocate for my members on the floor and will continue to be that fierce advocate but on a much larger scale. I’m optimistic about our future as a union and look forward to the work we’re going to do for our members,” says Lisa.

Service Employees International Union West (SEIU-West) represents over 13,000 people across Saskatchewan. They include people who work in health care, education, municipalities, community-based organizations, retirement homes, and other sectors. They are joined by one colour—purple—and one union, SEIU-West. Visit PurpleWorks.ca to find out more about SEIU-West members.

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