

NOMINEES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT (Continued)

From Suzan Zagar (Continued)

I am concerned about the increasing inability of our Provincial structure to adequately serve the interests and needs of the membership. Having represented this local for a year as a Provincial representative, I have become aware of how unsatisfactory an option the Provincial Association is for this local. I have watched increasing weakness, disunity amongst locals, and growing unsupportiveness to the needs and concerns of members through the Provincial structure. I have yet to see any wholesome and necessary services which have been received from the Provincial, and I think the membership should question what services and assistance can and should be expected at a cost to us of \$4500/month. Dissatisfaction with the Provincial structure is intense, and more than one local is now seriously questioning their relationship with the Provincial Association. Locals are now recognizing that needed resources and services are being sacrificed at the cost of belonging to a disunited Provincial structure. One local has found alternative assistance in affiliating with the CCU. I do not support remaining within the Provincial Association, and would urge the membership to endorse their Executive's recommendation to withdraw from the Provincial Association, and commence secession proceedings.

I feel that the membership could recognize our desperate need for adequate services and resources by either pursuing the CLC affiliation through merging concept, or by withdrawing from the Provincial structure, where, as an independent local, we could use funds currently going to the Provincial could be applied to provide these services to this local, and we could still provide financial assistance to other locals as necessary.

Of course the decision is yours!! Whatever mandate is received from you will be acted upon by your local Executive. If I am elected as Vice-President to the Executive, I will do my best to serve this membership.

NOMINEES FOR SECRETARY-TREASURER

From Patricia House (Serials Division, Library Processing Centre)

We, in AUCE, are facing extremely tough decisions and uncertain times, with even the question of our future as AUCE before us. Through all this, communications within the local will be critical. If I am elected to the position of Secretary-Treasurer, I will do my utmost to keep the newsletter alive and information flowing.

I have been active in AUCE as a steward, as a delegate to the Provincial Convention and on the Grievance Committee. I have previous experience working on a union executive as Secretary (in a CUPE local in a Toronto library) as well as grievance work there.

I have no political axe to grind, nor am I interested in this job for the purpose of promoting a particular course for our future. It is a difficult and interesting time for our local and I think my experience would be useful in this position.

*Patricia House*