



Cupe 4047 Vice President Election 2019

Greetings to everyone,

For those of you who do not know me, my name is Thalia Kalotinis but you will see my name on the schedules as Efthalia Kalotinis.

I would like to thank you for the nomination to serve our local once again. I was hired by Air Transat in 1991, and currently work as a Flight Attendant in Toronto. I would like to share some of my labour experiences related to Health and Safety in the workplace, and highlight my abilities and knowledge that I can bring to our Local.

- 1988: I lost a loved one in a work place fatality that made me aware very early about the importance of working in a safe environment, in both the perspective of the employer and worker.
- 1990: I created a group, Families Against Violent Occupational Deaths and Diseases (FAVODD). I lobbied the Ministry of Labour and Unions to be more active in the protection of workers in the workplace.
- 1991: I supported the unveiling of a statue in the city of Hamilton, depicting the violence endured in work place fatalities. This was to create awareness about the senseless deaths of workers across Canada. Over 900 workers die in Canada each year, 1 every day in Ontario, not including disease related deaths.
- 1993-1998: I was elected as one of the Local 4047 Vice Presidents, and I completed the following CUPE courses; Elective and Advanced Stewarding Level 2, and Arbitration Level 4.
- 1994-1997: I hosted families of deceased workers at the April 28th Day of Mourning Ceremony in Toronto, commemorating the crew of Nationair and other workers killed on the job. This event involved lunch for the families, followed by a rose laying ceremony to honour their loved ones as each name was called out.
- 2012-2018: I helped family and colleagues deal with WSIB (Workplace Safety & Insurance Board) claims in an unofficial capacity.

I know, when elected, I can bring my experience and dedication to our Local. I will work hard and fair to make our workplace safer and to increase awareness to our members, so that they better understand their union rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration and best of luck to all of the candidates.

Sincerely yours,

Thalia