

Biography of Camille Awada

I'm the father of 4 children and my beautiful wife Patricia. I'm a 19 year employee of Statistics Canada, in the National Accounts.

I've had my years of union experience in the mid 90's with the Steel workers of America and once I moved over to the federal government, I found it my duty to join the CAPE local and participate in the committee that looked into the reclassification of technical SIs to the CS group. I voiced my concerns to upper management about sufficient training for all those that required addition skill sets to maintain their position in this new job and have the ability to advance. The Harper government through the WFA (Work Force Adjustment) annihilated most of these employees due to lack of experience, skills and education. My concerns for them had come true.

I believe in sound statistics and facts to create strong policies and even more solid requests during contract negotiations. As a member in good standing of this professional association, I'm totally against strike action and it must only be used as a last resort, we can accomplish more for our members with proactive negotiations, and a well-reasoned and analytical approach to arbitration should negotiations fail.

On my off time, I work for the CFL (Canadian Football League) and Carleton University as the crew chef of the stats crew, coach three levels of amateur football. Two are part time and one, the midget level is my greatest passion. Coaching kids between the ages of 16 to 18 requires special skill sets. These young athletes seek leadership, vision and clean instructions and information. These athletes respond positively, change their outlook of life, work hard to improve their grades, physiques and maturity level so that can move up to university ball and great ambitions. With leadership and vision on the field and/or for the National Executive Committee we can only strengthen who we are. Team work and the ability to improve our team by providing professional training, experience in conflict resolution, time management and the adaptability to work with people's strengths and weakness. We are only as strong as our weakest link, we can strengthen that link with a bonded group of NEC members.