

# GREER KNOX

Candidate for the Board of Directors, A.P.T.P.U.O.

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## **Who am I?**

I have been a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa since 1980, even before we had a union. Presently I am retired from a wonderful teaching career in Quebec and Ottawa. I teach in the Teacher Education Program at the Faculty of Education. Throughout my career, I have been very active in my union. As a public school teacher I have served on numerous local and provincial committees as well as serving as president of the local elementary teachers' union. I have had the honour of serving on the APTPUO Board of Directors for over twenty years as grievance officer and president. For the last five Collective Agreements, I have been a member of the APTPUO negotiating team.

## **Why am I running for Office?**

I see the APTPUO as a strong union, dedicated to supporting its members. During the time that I have been a member, I have witnessed a huge growth in the number of part-time professors. The union has dedicated itself to negotiating more favourable salaries and working conditions for all members. It has worked hard to ensure that members' rights under the Collective Agreement have been protected. We have been very strong in our relations with the employer! I want to see this continue.

I am putting my candidacy forward because I have a strong commitment to this union and its members. In the past year, I have seen members who have dedicated themselves to having APTPUO join a large national union. I investigated this possibility a number of years ago but found that we were a stronger voice with the employer as an independent union. Renegotiating a Collective Agreement can be a very "rocky road", as no doubt there are many aspects that the employer would like to eliminate, especially in the area of job security. I am open to examining this again but rest assured, there must be real, positive benefits for all of our members.

If elected, I will dedicate my energy to protecting the hard-earned rights of our members. I would be honoured to serve you on the Board of Directors.