



It is with great enthusiasm that I write this expressing my intentions to run for the VSEA office of President, recently vacated by Dave Bellini.

My name is Aimee Bertrand Towne. I am currently your acting President and the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President of the VSEA. I am single mother of four amazing kids and 20-year state employee working for both the Department of Liquor Control and the Department for Children and Families. I have served my local community as an EMT and firefighter as well as a Justice of the Peace.

I believe in service above self, especially to our union.

I believe that unionism is about more than just paying biweekly dues. It is about being involved, showing up and staying committed to the fight. Having been raised in a union family, I truly believe in Solidarity for everyone, not just for some.

As a VSEA member, I have worn many hats:

- VSEA 1st Vice President and moderator of the VSEA Council for the last 5 years
- Member of the VSEA Legislative Committee
- Member of the Personnel Committee
- Member of NMU Bargaining Team
- NMU Steward
- Previously served as Lamoille Chapter President
- Member of Budget and Policy Committees.

My experiences have allowed me to see and feel our union firsthand and up close. If you choose me to serve as your President, I hope to work with you to achieve three major goals:

- **BRING US TOGETHER** – We need to be unified to win the fight to protect our retirement, healthcare, wages, strengthen our contracts and to improve our working conditions.
- **BUILD OUR POWER** – Let us work together to bring new and diverse voices to the bargaining table and state house. Together we can demonstrate a solid commitment to organizing!
- **STRENGTHEN THE MOVEMENT** – By working together, in solidarity with other labor organizations and workers who are not yet organized, we can build a strong and vibrant labor movement in Vermont. United we are unstoppable.

We have some really big fights ahead; I feel prepared to lead the charge.

It has been my absolute honor to serve as the VSEA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. I humbly ask for your vote.

In Solidarity and respectfully submitted,

Aimee Bertrand Towne