

One might ask why Andrew Finlay wants to be your Treasurer? The short answer is that I believe that my skill set and experience allow me to excel in what I see is the unique dual responsibilities of the role: having a fiduciary responsibility for the local and an advocacy role as a table officer.

As Treasurer you are not the one who chooses how the local spends its money. That decision is the responsibility of the elected representatives of CSR and the executive. I see my role as treasurer as one who ensures that those decision makers have the information they require to make an informed decision. It will be my pledge that I would not only provide timely and accurate information on the Local's finances but also to explain what could be all the possible consequences of decisions involving the funds entrusted by the members.

I am also not afraid to ask questions about how our local manages its finances to promote a thoughtful discussion about our budget. Times are tough; teachers are facing hard financial times with threats of no raises or even rollbacks. As times change, it is my responsibility to look for ways to make better use of our finances. A responsible treasurer would bring these possibilities to the membership to decide on. As Treasurer of the Gifted and Talented Education Council, I have experience in leading those discussions. Creating a budget that provides for the services that teachers want in an appropriate and cost effective way would be the result of these discussions.

The treasurer is also a member of the table officers for the Local so is in the unique position to advocate for Calgary Public Teachers. As Vice President, I have taken part in this advocacy work and have built relationships with the trustees and senior administration. That experience allows me to bring issues to their attention in the most effective way. Now is the time where we need to be using those relationships we have built to create an effective network for advocating for public education and its teachers. It is not just a time for talk though. Teachers need to be active in talking to the public, the parents and MLAs about our issues. As Treasurer, I would continue that work.

Any issues you want to discuss? Email me at roofinlay9@gmail.com.

On voting day, Vote for Andrew Finlay.

Teaching Experience:

- Teacher with Calgary Board of Education for 19 years
- Currently teach Grade 7 Math and Science at Griffith Woods School

Local Experience:

Seven Years on Executive:

- Vice President of Local 38
- Communications Chair
- Sr. High Representative
- ARA delegate and as such, debated and voted on the provincial ATA budget

Provincial Experience:

- Strategic Planning Group

Specialist Council Experience:

- President of the Gifted and Talented Education Council
- Treasurer of the Gifted and Talented Education Council
 - Responsible for creating the budget for the council and overseeing spending of the council including the budget for an annual conference