

# ELECTION STATEMENT

## Lindsay Brown

As a Society, we do great work, but we need to be better.

If elected to MTS Provincial Executive I will make it my mission to walk alongside and advocate for members who face a range of equity-based concerns. I am not afraid to challenge the status quo and push for progressive change. In my work with MTS and SOTA, I pride myself on asking difficult questions and seeking partnerships with community organizations.

One of the first lessons I learned as a teacher was that in order to connect authentically with students, I need to take a good, hard look at myself. I need to uncover and interrogate my implicit biases and be willing to examine how my subject position informs how and what I teach. This is a lifelong and ongoing process.

This self-reflection is also paramount to the success of a union. If we as a Society claim to be progressive and to support all of our members, we need to look inward. How do our constitution and policies uphold oppression? How do the mechanics and structure of the union reflect and reinforce colonial values? Is Provincial Executive truly reflective of our membership? Who is heard and who is silenced? Can we take the government to task if we do not prioritize that which we criticize them for?

If we ensure that our decisions aim to improve the quality of work (and life) for our most marginalized members, everyone will benefit. The union will be stronger for it.

## BIOGRAPHY

### Lindsay Brown

Lindsay began teaching on the South Shore of Montréal in 2006, leading the English secondary program at Collège Marie Laurier. Upon returning to Winnipeg, Lindsay secured their dream job at Maples Collegiate in the Seven Oaks School Division where they have taught English language arts, social studies, and film studies for 14 years.

Currently a member-at-large on the SOTA Executive, Lindsay has represented members for the past four years in a variety of capacities: co-chair of Education Finance; chair of Equity & Social Justice, Wellness, Member Engagement, Scholarship, and Women in Educational Leadership committees. Lindsay is currently a member of the ESJSC and the Comprehensive Sex and Health Education Ad Hoc Committee.



Lindsay holds a Master of Arts in Cultural Studies and a Post-Baccalaureate Diploma in Education (PBDE) from the University of Winnipeg, and currently works as a sessional instructor in the University of Winnipeg Faculty of Education's undergraduate and PBDE programs.

One of Lindsay's passions is facilitating staff professional development, particularly in the areas of DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) and 2STLGBQIA+ inclusive education. In their role as lead trainer with Diversity Essentials, Lindsay has led workshops for Presidents' Council, at the Educating for ACTION Conference (2020), and at MTS Summer Seminar (2019). Lindsay is also the lead facilitator of QUESO (Queering Seven Oaks).

Lindsay loves to spend time with their friends, family, and partners. They enjoy doing CrossFit and when the weather allows it, you can usually find them in a hammock with their nose in a book.