



I am grateful for the opportunity to run for Chief Steward for the upcoming 2026-2028 term. I want to be a UWOSA Executive Officer because I believe strongly in equity and in being an advocate for others. I am currently serving as Chief Steward, and have experience as an Area Steward and worked on several UWOSA committees including: Finance, Constitution & Bylaws and Membership, Newsletter & Social Committee. During my tenure as Chief Steward I have filed 10 grievances advocating for the rights of members.

I graduated from Western with a Bachelor of Arts and have been part of the Western community for 20 years, first as a student, and then as a UWOSA staff member working in Housing and the Office of the Registrar. I believe that empathy, emotional intelligence and active listening skills are essential qualities of a good leader and have been taking courses with Western Continuing Studies to strengthen my leadership skills. I am currently working towards a Certificate in Leading Through Conflict. Most recently, I completed the globally recognized Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) with LivingWorks.

My involvement with the union has given me an intimate knowledge of the unique challenges faced by staff, and I am passionate about supporting and protecting the rights of UWOSA members. I have built strong relationships with the campus community at large, and I am confident my skills and experience will be an asset to UWOSA should I have the privilege of continuing as Chief Steward. - Lisa Grant