

# NOW MORE THAN EVER, OUR UNION NEEDS LEADERSHIP



Left:  
Carrol Anne Sceviour  
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Vice-Pres.,  
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Right:  
Gaye Lamb  
Staff Representative  
and member of Local 6709, USWA

Do you remember us? We ran against each other for the post of OFL Women's Vice-President at the 1983 OFL Convention. Sister Sceviour won fair and square, but it was a bitter and divisive battle. Whenever Steelworkers fight with each other, we damage the respect that our great Union deserves.

We've both decided that our Union can't afford to continue wasting its energy on destructive internal battles. In an age of plant shutdowns, mass layoffs, attacks on the right even to have a union, we have a duty to use all of our resources to defend and to serve our members.

We have not lived up to our potential as a union. We have let other unions take the leadership role that used to be ours in political action and in the struggle for equal rights. We're both supporting Leo Gerard because his programme is what our Union needs.

Leo showed his commitment to the rights of minorities when he negotiated the translation of contracts into the first language of the workers at Central Precision and in the Spring Chain locals. He organized the Toronto area's first women's rights school, and he continues to put equality issues front and centre in this campaign. That's the kind of leadership our Union needs.

We *don't* need the kind of leadership that says a Canadian doesn't have the right to become president of his or her own union. We were bitterly disappointed to hear that kind of prejudice come from union presidential candidate Frank McKee last year, and we were astonished that our current Director supported a candidate who held such an attitude.

Election Day is November 26th. We have an opportunity to bring our Union together, to give it a strong new voice for *all* of its members, whatever their sex, nationality, or language. We urge all Steelworker women and men to vote for Leo Gerard for Director of District 6. Our Union deserves new leadership and new unity. Let's not miss the opportunity.

In solidarity,

Gaye Lamb

Carrol Anne Sceviour

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On November 26th, vote for Leo Gerard.

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Let's build a better Union!

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