



# 2021 NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Name Eric Lohman

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Name of Local TAUWP

Local # 03535 How long a member of the union 2 Months

**Office desired (circle one):**

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| President   | PK-12 Vice President      | State Employees Vice President    |
| <b>Secretary</b>  | WTCS Vice President       | PSRP Vice President               |
| Treasurer   | University Vice President | Graduate Employees Vice President |
| Regional Vice President (3 - Northern, Eastern, West/Central) |                           | Retiree Council Vice President    |

Positions held in local None

Activities with AFL-CIO affiliates: Local/State/National \_\_\_\_\_

Political activities Board Member for InterACT: Advocates for Informed Choice

Educational background BA Media Studies (UW-Milwaukee); MA Media Studies (UW- Milwaukee; PhD Media Studies (University of Western Ontario)

Profession Associate Lecturer

Location UW\_Milwaukee

Other activities and qualifications VP Communications for PSAC Local 610 (TA union); VP Communications and External Affairs (Society of Graduate Students, University of Western Ontario)

**This is to certify that the above-named candidate has been nominated for office in accordance with the Constitution of AFT-Wisconsin. Please indicate the procedure used in nominating the candidate on page two of this form.**

Candidates may submit a position paper of no more than 300 words on why he/she is seeking a position on the AFT-Wisconsin Executive Board to be posted on the AFT-Wisconsin website. This must be submitted electronically to Kathy Kreul at [kreul@aft-wisconsin.org](mailto:kreul@aft-wisconsin.org) no later than Sunday, September 19, 2021.

As a candidate for office in AFT-Wisconsin, I will not engage in name calling, whisper campaigns, slander, libel or other inappropriate tactics. I will conduct a clean campaign that operates in a dignified and respectable manner that befits our union. I will instruct my supporters that they should do the same.

✓ Signature 

Date 9/9/21

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By local:

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Officer signature	Officer title
_____	_____
Officer signature	Officer title

By any 10 members of the Federation or respective council/region (print names-they must be legible):

✓ Alexi Brooks (Stout United)	_____
✓ Innisfree McInnon (Stout United)	_____
✓ Moniga Berrier (Stout United)	_____
Alex Smith (Stout United)	Abe Smith
_____	_____

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✓ *Barbara Smith*

BARBARA SMITH - #4848

✓ *Kelsey Lewis*

Kelsey Lewis - AFT Local 223 UFAS

✓ *[Signature]*

Marcus Cederstrom - UFAS, Local #223

✓ *[Signature]*

Miranda Alksnis - TAA, AFT local #3220

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 Doug Singen – Local 3535 \_\_\_\_\_

 Marybeth McGinnis (local 223) \_\_\_\_\_

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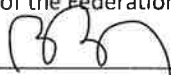
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✓ Ben Balcom 

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Candidate Statement for Eric Lohman, PhD

AFT-Wisconsin Board: Secretary Position

My name is Eric Lohman, and I'm running for the position of AFT-W Board Secretary. I'm an associate lecturer in Journalism, Advertising, and Media Studies at UW-Milwaukee, where I teach about the intersections of gender, race, and class in the media. I've served as VP of communications for the Public Service Alliance of Canada, local 610, a union of teaching assistants and post-docs at the University of Western Ontario. I was VP of communications and external affairs for the Society of Graduate Students at that same university, and on the executive board of the Canadian Federation of Students. I also advised the University of Western Ontario Faculty Association on adjunct-related issues during their bargaining campaign. Most of my extensive experience organizing workers and running campaigns is in predominantly higher education environments.

My organizing experience taught me that if union leadership empowers the workers on the ground to organize around issues they are experiencing, and if leadership provides support, material resources, and solidarity to their struggles, then workers on the ground can win. I'm running for this position because, like many of you, I want to see our union embrace this kind of organizing. Electing me secretary will help us turn the page on the last decade and start fresh with a renewed labor movement in Wisconsin that is bold, aggressive, and unapologetically committed to fighting for a better world. Focusing on electoral politics and member services is a failed strategy, and if we intend to respond to the coming challenges, which are unlike anything humans have seen before, then we need to work collectively, across sectors and locals. We can blame Scott Walker and ACT-10 for the state of the labor movement in 2011, but in 2021, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Let's get to work!