

DIRECTORS' Forum

2022 Long-Term Service Award Recipients

Established many years ago by the Directors' Forum, the awards recognize Directors who have demonstrated their commitment to the Ontario credit union and caisse populaire system, through their many years of volunteer service.

PATRICIA LOUISE AHRENS

Director, Northern Credit Union



Louise has a dedicated interest in the credit union business for over 40 years, having been a long-time member of the Elmwood Credit Union, Saugeen Credit Union and presently, Northern Credit Union, of which she is a member of the Board of Directors. She was keen to be a director and was elected to the Board of Saugeen Credit Union in 2011. She enjoys learning and received her Accredited Canadian Credit Union Director certification two years after joining the Board of Northern Credit Union (through merger) in 2017. She is presently serving her second term on the Board.

EARL CAMPBELL

Director, Alterna & Savings Credit Union



Earl Campbell is a past Chair of Metro Credit Union, Alterna Savings, Alterna Bank and Interim Executive Director of the Ontario Credit Union Foundation. He has been a volunteer board member for twenty-two years in the credit union sector. Formerly CEO and Director of Education, Scarborough Board of Education, he is the President of Earl G. Campbell Consulting, an entrepreneur, business coach and mentor for leadership development and strategic planning. Earl was a former Vice-Chair of the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board. He has Bachelor of Arts and Master of Education Degrees along with mediation training at Osgoode Law School. Earl has served as an Executive Committee Member for a number of National and International education organizations. He has been recognized with a number of professional and community awards including a Star on the Scarborough Walk of Fame and as a Distinguished Educator of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education.

TIM FOSTER

Chair, Northern Credit Union



First elected to Northern Credit Union's Board in 2012, Tim became Vice-Chair in 2013, served as Chair from 2014 to 2019, and returned to the Chair in 2022. He served on Audit, Financial, Governance, Human Resources, Merger, Nominating Committee, and the CEO Selection Committees. Tim was a member of the Director's Forum Executive Committee/Board from 2012 to 2021 and served four years as Chair. He is an Accredited Credit Union Director through CUDA and Dalhousie University, and a Certified Credit Union Executive Society (CUES) Director.

RETA McCORMICK

Director, Kingston Community Credit Union



Reta has been a member of Kingston Community Credit Union for almost 30 years, and a director for more than 11 years. She has sat on the Audit Committee for 4 terms and has also chaired the Nominating Committee several times. The many courses she has taken over the years, along with her experience on the board and committees, has given her further insight to what a credit union is all about. As a former business owner, the co-operative approach and philosophy of giving back to the community and its members reflects what she believes. The knowledge and experience she has gained from being a board member has been a benefit in her daily life. Reta says it has been an honour and a privilege to sit on the board of KCCU.

STEPHANE TROTTIER

Director, Desjardins Group



An undisputed ambassador of intercooperation, Stéphane is a community leader and the architect of the largest project in the Desjardins Group to bring together Ontario's 11 caisses populaires and its Federation in 2020. He has been involved with Desjardins's co-operative serving as a board member for over 26 years. Very involved in his community, he is currently Board Chair of the Gloucester Pottery School. He has had the privilege of sitting on the Board of Directors of the Gatineau Sports Museum, the Regroupement des gens d'Affaires, the Festival Franco-Ontarien, and of chairing the Board of the Montfort Hospital Foundation during the SOS Montfort crisis. Stéphane chaired the first major campaign cabinet for La Place du Collège La Cité. With his ability to listen and his shared style of leadership, he communicates transparently and leaves no one indifferent. Stéphane is a man of conviction, proud and passionate. He is a Desjardins Group director since 2016 and was the first Chair of the Desjardins Ontario Credit Union.

STEVE BRABAZON

Director, Frontline Credit Union



Steve Brabazon is a director on the board for Frontline Credit Union. He joined the board in 1992 after starting his career as a Fire Fighter in 1982.

DAVID MOSCALL

Chair, Copperfin Credit Union



David has twenty years of governance experience, serving on boards from 12 million to 400 million plus in asset size, including almost twenty years as a Board Chair. He is presently the Chair of Copperfin Credit Union. He provided oversight for the merger of Copperfin and Superior Credit Unions, and was unanimously appointed Chair of the new entity, serving in that capacity until his term limit expired. David holds a CUES designation in Corporate Governance from the University of Toronto, Rotman School of Management, and is a graduate of the Credit Union Director Achievement Program (CUDA).

JEANNIE KILGOUR

Director, Northern Credit Union



Jeannie's connection to Northern Credit Union began when Nickel Centre Credit Union became part of the NCU footprint in northern Ontario in 2002. Northern had formed a delegate system for credit union members, and each branch had a Delegate Committee to represent their local membership. At that time, she became a member of the Delegate Committee for the Capreol Branch. After many years in this position, along with encouragement from Directors on the Board, Jeannie put her name forward for election to the Board. During the last 9 years, she has had the privilege of being involved in many positive, progressive changes that have taken place at the credit union. She had the opportunity to develop her skills in a variety of competencies required of credit union directors by taking courses, attending system conferences, attending internal and external training sessions, and networking with Directors throughout the credit union system. Jeannie's commitment to personal development has enabled her to make decisions that have been most beneficial for their members and the credit union in her role as a Director, Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and as the first female Chair of the Board of NCU. She would like to thank her fellow members for allowing her the privilege of being part of a Board that works diligently keeping NCU 'True North Strong'.

ROGER GEOFFRION

Director, Frontline Credit Union



Roger Geoffrion is a director on the board for Frontline Credit Union. He joined the board in 2012, and has been a Regional Sales Manager for Canada Life since 2004.

SUE KLATT

Vice-Chair, Northern Credit Union



Sue's journey with Northern Credit Union - from being a member and then becoming a Director for the Board - began when she joined the delegate group with the Barry's Bay Northern Credit Union approximately 15 years ago. She was elected to the Steering Committee for a period of two years, after which she ran for the Board. Since her tenure on the board, Sue has had the opportunity to be a member on every committee, chaired the Finance and Governance committees, and is now the Vice-Chair of the Board. In her first term as a director, she attained her Director Accreditation. NCU has provided her the opportunity for continued learning and developing her skills and knowledge in all competencies through CCUA courses, board training, networking opportunities and access to industry related webinars and updates on legislative changes. The continued learning has also provided her with the confidence to make decisions on behalf of the members and support the forward thinking in the Annual Business Plans and long-range Strategic Plans. She continues to enjoy the role and take seriously the responsibility to each of the members as a Board Director for NCU. Sue would like to thank management and the previous and existing directors for their continued engagement and support as she remains committed to her role. She is proud to remind all who ask, "Where we have been, What we stand for, How we Got Here and Who we represent and continue to Be True North Strong."

CRAIG MORRISON

Chair, Frontline Credit Union



Craig Morrison is President and Board Chair of Frontline Credit Union. He joined the board in 1996 after starting his career as a Fire Fighter in 1983.