



NBPSPP BOARD BIOGRAPHIES

Katherine Greenbank, BBA, CPA, CMA (Chair)

Katherine retired from Service New Brunswick as Corporate Director of Financial Systems Integration. Previously, she was with FacilicorpNB and also worked for a number of large firms in Atlantic Canada, including Cendant, JD Irving, NBTel and Labatt. She is a member (retired) of the New Brunswick Public Service Pension Plan. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick and a Chartered Professional Accountant designation.

Ross Galbraith (Vice-Chair)

Ross is an International Representative for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW). Formerly the Business Manager of IBEW Local 37, he also represented Canada on the IBEW International Executive Council for eight years. In that capacity, he was a Trustee of the IBEW Pension Benefit Fund, and a member of the Board of Directors of the National Electrical Benefit Fund and the National Electrical Annuity Plan. Ross is very active in his community and has served on many volunteer boards and committees at the municipal, provincial, national, and international levels. He is currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Canadian Nuclear Workers Council and a member of the Board of the Canadian Nuclear Association. A graduate of the Chemical Technology Program of the New Brunswick Community College, he lives in Saint John with his family.

Sébastien Deschênes, DBA, CFA, CPA, ICD.D (Trustee)

Sébastien is the Vice-President of the Université de Moncton - Edmundston Campus and a Professor of Accounting. He holds professional designations as a Certified Financial Analyst, Chartered Professional Accountant and ICD.D of the Institute of Corporate Directors. He is also a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors. He served on the Board of Directors of the New Brunswick Institute of Chartered Public Accountants and is currently a Director of UNI Coopération financière. He was also a member of the pension committee for the Régime des professeurs, professeurs et bibliothécaires of l'Université de Moncton. Prior to his employment at the Université de Moncton, he worked in a large public accounting firm in Montreal.

Paula Doucet (Trustee)

Paula is the President of the New Brunswick Nurses Union (NBNU) and she has held this position since October 2016. Prior to being elected President, she held the position of Vice-President for 13 years, as well as second Vice President of the NB Federation of Labour from 2010 - 2015. Paula has been a Registered Nurse for 26 years, working at the Chaleur Regional Hospital in Bathurst, most recently in the Emergency department before being elected as full-time president with NBNU. Paula was appointed to the NBPSPP Board in January 2022. She also serves as a Trustee for the Shared Risk Plan for Certain Bargaining Employees of New Brunswick Hospitals since 2017, and is a member of the Part Time and Seasonal Pension Plan Committee since January 2022 as well.

Renée Laforest, CPA, CGA (Trustee)

Renée is the Vice President of Strategic Procurement and Corporate Services at Service New Brunswick. She obtained her Bachelor in Business Administration from the Université de Moncton in her native province of New Brunswick and obtained her CPA and CGA accounting designations in 1995. She has over 30 years experience and worked in various positions in the civil service of New Brunswick. Renée started her career in the Office of the Comptroller, then moved to the Department of Health in various management roles, including the Assistant Deputy Minister of Corporate Services. She joined Service New Brunswick, a shared services organization, in May 2017, as the Vice President of Strategic Procurement. The Corporate Services were added to her portfolio in November 2019. Renée is also the co-chair of the Federal Provincial Territorial Assistant Deputy Ministers Procurement Sub-Committee. She has served on various Boards over the years including the Board of the CUPE Hospitals Shared Risk Pension Plan, including the role of Chair and Vice-Chair, the Board of Ambulance New Brunswick and the Board of Cannabis Management Corporation.

Jim Mehan, MBA, CPA, CMA (Trustee)

Jim is the Deputy Minister for the Government of New Brunswick, Department of Social Development. Prior to his employment with the Government of New Brunswick, he worked for a large firm in Saint John. He has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Ivey School of Business and a Chartered Professional Accountant designation. He was appointed to the NBPSPP Board in February 2022.

Susie Proulx-Daigle (Trustee)

Susie is currently serving her 7th term as President of the New Brunswick Union. She also sits at the negotiating table for all NBU collective agreements and is serving her second term on the Board of Directors for the New Brunswick Pay Equity Coalition. She is currently the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees for the Shared Risk Plan for Certain Bargaining Employees of the New Brunswick Hospitals and a member of the Standing Committee on Insured Benefits. In addition, she is the National Vice-President for the National Union of Public and General Employees. She is a graduate of Harvard University's Harvard Trade Union Program.

Marilyn Quinn (Trustee)

Marilyn is a retired Registered Nurse and the past President of the New Brunswick Nurses Union (NBNU) where she served as President for 12 years advocating for registered nurses both at the negotiating table and in the workplace. She retired from NBNU in December 2016. Additionally, she served as Chairperson of the NBPSPP Board of Trustees, a role she held from 2014 to 2019, and sat on the National Executive Board of the Canadian Federation of Nurses Unions for 12 years. She also serves as a Trustee for the Shared Risk Plan for Certain Bargaining Employees of New Brunswick Hospitals.

Odette Robichaud (Trustee)

Odette was a Court Stenographer with the Department of Justice of the Province of New Brunswick until her retirement in February 2019. She is the past President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) local 1840 and past CUPE Regional Vice-President for New Brunswick. She also served as an observer for the New Brunswick Coalition for Pay Equity and was Vice-President responsible for Women's Issues for both CUPE New Brunswick and the New Brunswick Federation of Labour.

Chris Russell (Observer)

Chris is a licensed Red Seal Plumber and a Maintenance Repair Worker with the New Brunswick Community College in Moncton, NB. He is the current President of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 5017 and was appointed as an Observer on the NBPSPP Board of Trustees in March 2023.

Leigh Sprague (Observer)

Leigh has a Law Degree from the University of New Brunswick and is a member of the Law Society of New Brunswick, the Canadian Bar Association and the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers. He provides legal advice and representation to the New Brunswick Union. He is also involved in a consultative capacity on matters of strategic planning and on policy, legislative and political developments which may impact the union. He serves as the Union's Chief Negotiator for its largest collective agreements and has oversight over all bargaining activity. He also represents the union on certain external committees and working groups.