



Election Update: CSSE National Board and Regional Council Nominees acclaimed!

Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination for the new CSSE National Governance Board and Regional Council positions.

We are pleased to announce that the following slate of nominees has been acclaimed. These candidates successfully met the criteria as vetted by the Nominations & Elections Task Force. As such, an election will not be required.

Congratulations to your new National Board & Regional Council members (photos and bios below at end of announcement):

- Raelaine Van Patten, Vice President, Governance & HR
- Barry Bynoe, Vice President, Regional Affairs
- Paul Carolan, Director at Large
- Andy Smith, Director at Large
- Dave Turner, Director at Large
- Aimee Arsenaault, Regional Vice President, AB/NWT/NU

The new Board and Regional Council members will be officially welcomed at the AGM on December 16th and then begin their terms. They will join current President, Christl Aggus and Alex Ethier, RVP, SK/MB. We invite all CSSE Members to **register for the virtual AGM to be held Thursday, December 16 from noon-2pm (EST)** for a year in review, acknowledgment of the outgoing Board and official announcement of the incoming Board.

The following positions are still open:

National Board:

- Vice President Finance
- Director at Large

Regional Council (candidate must reside in the region):

- Regional Vice President ON/QC
- Regional Vice President BC/YK
- Regional Vice President Atlantic



Thank you to the members of the Nominations & Elections Committee for your diligence in reviewing all nominations against the required and desired competencies, and for executing the process in accordance with all governance requirements.

Many thanks to outgoing and former Board Members, Dan Trottier, Barry Bynoe, Robert Montgomery and Mark Balsom who laid the groundwork, along with Christl Aggus and Alex Ethier, to establish this new structure and by-laws as approved at a Special Meeting of Members on October 6th. The acclamation of the new Board and Regional Council is yet another positive step in the journey towards re-establishing CSSE as a credible voice for health and safety and creating value for our members.

Christopher Barry

CEO

CANADIAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY ENGINEERING INC.

(PHOTOS AND BIOS BELOW)

**National Board:
Vice President, Governance & Human Resources**



Raeleigne Van Patten Bio

Raeleigne is a results-driven safety professional with more than 20 year experience and proven track record in the development, implementation and maintenance of health, safety, environmental, quality and wellness programs. Raeleigne has worked for provincial and municipal government, construction, mega projects in the oil sands and has spent her career specializing in leading change, organizational systems improvements, implementing strategies and best practices to advance organizational safety culture and foster an environment of continuous improvement. Raeleigne has an extensive understanding and execution of systems analysis, process improvements, change management, governance and innovation.

Raeleigne has been a volunteer with the CSSE for more than 19 years, beginning her volunteering as a member of the Edmonton Chapter, then moving into the Chapter Chair role, followed by Past Chair. Raeleigne has served as the Regional Vice President for Alberta, Northwest Territories and Nunavut, a member of the Ethics committee and was the National Outreach Committee Chair. Raeleigne has spent most of her career mentoring and assisting safety professionals to grow in the profession and has been dedicated to the safety community throughout her career.

**National Board:
Vice President, Regional Affairs**



Barry Bynoe Bio

Barry originally commenced employment with the Region of Durham in 1990 at the Recycling Centre, and during that time he developed an interest in occupational health and safety. As his interest in the area continued to evolve, Barry decided to continue his academic studies in occupational health and safety and completed the Certificate in Occupational Health & Safety at Ryerson in 2002. That same year, Barry wrote his CRSP (Canadian Registered Safety Professional) designation and became a Health and Safety Officer for the Region. The following year he achieved his Certified Health & Safety Consultant (CHSC) designation from the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE). In his current role of Supervisor of Health, Safety & Wellness, he leads a team of four health, safety and wellness professionals that manages the corporate programs of the organization.

Volunteering experiences include Ontario Municipal Health and Safety Representatives Association in 1998 to 2016, holding positions of program director, Vice Chair and eventually their longest serving chair. In 2016 Barry founded the Durham East chapter of the CSSE, after chairing for three years, stepped down from that role to fulfil the position of Regional Vice President for CSSE, overseeing the 12 Ontario and Quebec chapters. Current CSSE Governance and HR committee chair and chair of the 2021 Awards Taskforce.

**National Board:
Director at Large**



Paul Carolan Bio

Paul Carolan has been involved with Occupational Health and Safety in the public and private sectors for twenty-five years. A veteran fire officer and investigator, paramedic and instructor, his health and safety career began as an elected safety representative in the Dublin Fire Brigade, Ireland.

Serving in various senior and consultancy roles and providing services to a wide range of sectors including; healthcare, construction, pharmaceutical, manufacturing and large sporting events. He is currently working with the Nunavut Employees Union and Public Service Alliance of Canada providing support in Labour Relations and Occupational Health and Safety.

Paul holds a BSc in OHS Management and is completing an MSc in OHSE Management. Current designations include CMIOSH, BCRSP and his CSSE CHSC is pending. He is also Certified Psychological Health and Safety Advisor.

Current voluntary roles include five OHS CSA technical committees, BCRSP examination committee and CSSE Task Force on CRSP/T study guides. He has represented the Government of Nunavut on the Canadian Association of Administrators of Labour Law – Occupational Safety and Health sub committee and is past national chair of the Skills Canada Workplace Safety Committee. Prior to moving to Canada, Paul had leadership roles with IOSH Ireland, and led the formation of the IOSH Fire Risk Management Committee.



Recognised by colleagues as a tireless and passionate advocate for advancing our profession, and a consistent supporter for leadership changes and the formulation of a new visionary journey for CSSE. Core areas of interest are:

- regulation of the OHS profession
- minimum academic qualifications for senior positions
- secure CSSE seats on CSA OHSE technical Committees
- sector-based examinations within current designations
- introduction of mandatory practical assessments
- increased alignments with allied professions
- accreditation standards for third level OHS course providers
- formation of one national OHSE organization
- ensure CSSE grows and reflects on the diversity of Canada

A CSSE member for 8 years, he is the founding member of the Nunavut Chapter in 2019. He is a previous committee member for the Niagara Falls PDC, and speaker at the PDC in Halifax.

National Board: Director at Large



Andrew (Andy) Smith Bio

Andy Smith is a 25-year member of the CSSE. Over this time Andy has served in roles on both the Edmonton (vice-chair and director), and Lower Mainland (membership) executives; and has served terms on the Education, Advocacy and Ethics committees nationally. In 2012 Andy received a ministerial appointment as a member of the Alberta OHS Council, serving as the vice-chair. In 2017 the commitment to the Alberta OHS Council ended, and Andy volunteered again with the CSSE sitting as the representative on the Alberta Society of Health and Safety Professionals for a one-year term.

Andy has gained extensive experience in his almost 30-year health and safety career with a strong foundation in:

- Providing Strategic Leadership
- Analyzing Fiduciary and Strategic Risk
- Developing High Functional Teams
- Collaborating to Create Vision and Goals
- Communicating to Share Different Viewpoints to an Idea
- Operating in the Disaster and Emergency Management Space

This experience has been achieved in a broad spectrum of sectors and has involved working both internationally and domestically. This includes the Canadian military, civil construction & demolition, electrical & gas utilities, provincial government, post-secondary and regulatory sectors.



Along with his professional roles, Andy is a lifelong learner and instructor. He holds a post Graduate Certificate in Strategic Management from Harvard University, a Graduate Degree in Disaster and Emergency Management from Royal Roads University, and an Occupational Health and Safety Diploma from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. In addition, Andy has instructed courses at the University of Alberta, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, University of Victoria and most recently on behalf of the CSSE as part of the CHSC complement of courses.

Andy describes himself as a thoughtful leader who wants to meaningfully contribute to realizing the vision for the CSSE into the future.



National Board: Director at Large



Dave Turner, MBA, P.Eng, CRSP, CMSP

I have been a member of the CSSE since 1983 and have volunteered in various chapters over the years. I have worked in mining and construction for most of my career and like many came into safety by accident. I became a mines inspector in BC in 1982 thinking that as a mining engineer I would be overseeing mining processes. I soon learned that the job involved ensuring mines were working safely and that was the beginning of the passion that grew inside me for the safety profession. Since then, I have held many different high level management positions both in safety and in production and I have operated my own occupational health and safety consulting and contracting company since 2003. I spent many years on the BCRSP board of governors

CSSE can, and will, be the place to go for all occupational health and safety resources if we strive to work together as a profession and as active members.



Regional Council:

RVP Alberta, Northwest Territories, and Nunavut



Aimee Arsenault Bio

Aimee Arsenault is the founder of Transmit Safety, a consulting firm that simplifies and streamlines health and safety management systems through strategic planning, program development, auditing, and operational resources. She has been working in health and safety for 15 years. Aimee holds the designations of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (CRSP), Certified Health and Safety Consultant (CHSC) and has a BA in Cultural Anthropology. Aimee has gained an in-depth understanding of the factors influencing occupational health and safety through her experiences in Canada's construction, oil and gas, and telecommunications industries. Exposure to various industries' approaches to health and safety has also provided Aimee with insight into the work dynamics and communication practices required to run an organization that puts the value of safety into action. Aimee is enthusiastic about activating organizational values in the workplace and implementing health and safety strategies for operational improvement.

Aimee Arsenault has been a member of the CSSE since 2009 and an active volunteer at the Chapter and national level serving as Communications Director, Vice-Chair and Acting Chair at the Edmonton Chapter; and most recently, a member of the national Communications Digital Task Force.