

Andrew (Andy) Smith – Election Bio

Dear CSSE friends and colleagues,

Through this short message please allow me to introduce myself.

My past roles with the CSSE have included time as a member of the Education, Advocacy and Ethics Committees. In 2012 I accepted a ministerial appointment and became a member of the Alberta OHS Council, requiring me to step away from CSSE volunteerism until 2017 allowing me to fulfill that commitment. I reconnected as a CSSE volunteer last year, as our representative on a newly formed society in Alberta, seeking to define health and safety in the professional context through regulation and title protection.

Professional Regulation

My vision is for the CSSE to be the national galvanizing force around the professional regulation conversation. We have a footprint in every province and territory and a national presence, positioning the CSSE to be the leader in this space. As the leading society for health and safety we should be engaging with all members to define how our profession should look. A marrying of public interest and professional implications is required to advance this important mandate in the right direction.

Membership Growth and Value

CSSE membership has been on the decline in recent years. The struggling economy in Alberta has clearly been impactful to our membership numbers. I anticipate that economic recovery will lead to some members returning, and we should always seek new members, and broaden our sphere of connection. Our profession is unique in its multi-faceted nature. Whether it be management system experts, instructors, risk leaders, auditors, field personnel, hygienists, nurses, administrators, consultants, or any number of other allied roles, we need to strive to be inclusive of *all*, as part of our CSSE family. As the Regional Vice President Alberta, NWT & NU I will reach out to chapters developing relationships and understanding the challenges and opportunities you are facing in both attracting and retaining members. I commit to be the point of contact for any chapter in Alberta, NWT and NU as a conduit to our board.

National Framework and Strategy

The CSSE national framework, albeit young by design, is comprehensive in nature. In the role of Regional Vice President, I will engage as a member of the board and provide input that is representative of the Alberta, NWT and NU perspectives. A national frame can impact different regions uniquely and the message of those impacts good and bad will be carried forward, seeking best fit and proactive strategies that work for us all.

I look forward to the opportunity to collaborate and work with you growing and advancing the CSSE in a strategic and thoughtful direction.