

Deirdre O'Reilly, CHSC, Cert.Ad.Ed.

Deirdre has served CSSE as an active volunteer – at both the Chapter and National levels – on an almost continuous basis since joining the organization in October 2000.

Beginning with the Nova Scotia Chapter's NAOSH Week Committee, on which she served for seven years, Deirdre's volunteer leadership experience includes serving in several Chapter Executive roles over a 16-year period; four years on the National NAOSH Week Committee; five years on the CSSE Professional Development Conference Committee – including one year as Chair; and five years as a member of the Editorial Advisory Committee for CSSE's "Contact" magazine. During that time, Deirdre also served on a number of national CSSE sub-committees and working groups. In 2017, Deirdre was honoured to receive recognition from the Nova Scotia Chapter Executive with a Chapter award for Outstanding Service to CSSE.

Deirdre served two terms as Secretary on the CSSE Board of Directors – 2014-2016 and 2016-2018 – during which she also served as Board Liaison to the CSSE Awards Committee. In 2018, Deirdre was the successful candidate for Vice President/Treasurer on the Board of Directors, and transitions to the President role for a two-year term beginning in 2020.

During her 27-year career with the Workers' Compensation Board of Nova Scotia, Deirdre developed a deep interest in workplace health and safety, and pursued ongoing education and development to enhance her knowledge and skill in this area. Since 2004, her role focused on workplace injury prevention and education, primarily with small and medium-sized businesses. She was responsible for administering several programs geared toward improving workplace safety performance – including the WCB Safety Certified audit program – and was the lead author of the *Small Business Safety Toolkit*, developed in partnership with the Nova Scotia Occupational Health & Safety Division. Deirdre was also involved in developing tools to support her colleagues' work in coaching employers to establish sustainable safety outcomes, including re-drafting the workplace coaching process to reflect a focus on sustainability and employer-driven success.

Deirdre received her CHSC Certification in 2008, is a Professional Member of CSSE since 2014, and holds a Certificate in Adult Education from Dalhousie University.

Deirdre lives in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia with her husband. She is a lifelong learner with a particular interest in supporting others in their personal and professional growth and development. When she has time, Deirdre enjoys creative pursuits including beadwork and digital art, reading, and traveling with her husband in their motorhome.