

## **BOARD NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES**

## **Manufacturer and Supplier Bios**

## Rene Blanchard, Blanchard Group

Founded in 1987 and currently employing 40 New-Brunswickers, Blanchard Group is comprised of concrete plants, a bagging facility, a pre-cast concrete facility, as well as multiple aggregate quarries. It has participated in major construction projects in the Chaleur area and has worked with several local, national and international organizations.

René has been involved in the company full time since 2007, after completing his studies from The Gerald Swartz School of Business at St Francis Xavier University. Rene has been president since late 2012.

## James Green, Bird Stairs

James Green is the NB/PEI Sales Manager for Bird Stairs; Construction Division. He is a graduate of the Universite de Moncton, where he received his MBA. James started his career as an owner/operator of a local Moncton pub. After a 3-year stint in the "bar business", James joined the Canada Post Management team where he held numerous different Management roles during his 12-year career. His passion for sales led him back to the private sector where he held the role of Regional Manager for Metalium Steel and Aluminum Distributors for 4 years as well a short 1-year stint with Fransyl group, prior to joining the Bird Stairs family.

James is committed to his community and doesn't mind "rolling up his sleeves" to get things done. Over the years, he has volunteered for the following organizations: Moncton Boys and Girls Club Capital Campaign, Moncton Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors, Moncton Ringette Association Board of Directors, Southeast Ringette Association Board of Directors and Ringette NB Board of Directors. He has also held several coaching roles in football, soccer and ringette.

## James MacArthur, FERO Waste & Recycling

James MacArthur, a graduate of St. Francis Xavier University is the Manager of National Accounts and Pricing for FERO Waste & Recycling inc. Besides managing revenue for FERO, he is also responsible for six subsequent environmental services companies across Atlantic Canada. James started his career at FERO working under Andrew King, and was exposed to CANB through Andrew. James has been the champion with regards to sponsorship, support and events with CANB over the last four years. James is looking forward to working with CANB in the future and is excited for the opportunity to potentially join the board of directors. If you have any questions or would like more information on James, please feel free to reach out to FERO at anytime.

## Corey Landry, Osco

I have a Civil Engineering and Surveying education background and have worked in the industry from 2013-2018. In December 2018, I took on the position of Assistant Manager for Osco Concrete, and will be taking on the role of manager in 2019. I worked for Doncor Construction for numerous years where I developed skills such as planning and scheduling management and liaison with clients.

## Barry Gallant, Shaw Precast Solutions

Regional Sales Manager for Shaw Precast Solutions covering all New Brunswick, PEI and borders of Nova Scotia. Responsible for site visits, negotiations, tenders, new product, and profitability is my main concerns for the division. I successfully manage a large and vital geographical area with important customers and stakeholders. Starting with the Shaw Group in February 1986 and have 33yrs representing the Precast Division. Over this amount of time in the construction industry there has been many changes and substantial growth within the industry. Prior to the position at Shaw Group Ltd I have worked for engineers and architects doing various roles as drafting, inspection and surveying in PEI and Nova Scotia. Besides a range of courses and seminars attended I received a 2-year Architectural Technology Degree from Holland College. I live with my wife Lise and golden retriever Bullet in Moncton and have a son Cory.

## **Trade Contractor Bios**

## Mark Spence, Floors Plus Commercial

My name is Mark Spence, I am expressing interest in becoming part of the Board for the Construction Association. I have done this previously and enjoyed the role. I am also currently on the education committee. I am hoping you see me as a prospect and a successful candidate for the position. I have been part of the field since 1989, I would like to continue my experiences and understand all sides of the Association and what it represents. I graduated top of my class in 1989 for a Flooring project managing Installation course, shortly thereafter started my own small business, after a successful few years took on a role as a Project Manager for Install a Floor here in Moncton and have held that position for 15yrs in those years I have achieved three awards within our company for outstanding achievements in the commercial field. I have since created many partnerships and relationships with many in the commercial field. As a member of the Board I am sure to offer many different points of views and collaborate with peers and create new ideas along the way. I have consistently in the past attended all meetings, functions etc and enjoyed the experiences.

## Dave Julian, Safway Service

Born and raised in Halifax/Dartmouth, Dave Julian began his 40 year long journey at the NSCC Akerley Campus in Building technology, graduating first in class in 1977. He jumped into the industry at the age of 21 years old as part of Guildfords Ltd. as an estimator. He was promoted to branch manager in 1983 of the Moncton Office where he remained until 2004. From there, he became the general manager of the overall construction division and relocated back to his hometown of Dartmouth. Dave's next endeavors lead him to Parker Kaefer until 2012. This finally brought to his current position as manager of Insulation, Fireproofing and Firestopping for Safway Service. His extensive experience in the construction industry has given him the skills that would benefit the overall success of the Moncton Northeast Construction Association. Among the everyday duties of the position, he would like increase membership and exposure, open communication between trade contractors and general contractors, as well as maintaining the momentum that the construction association currently has.

# Tom Booth, Eastern Fence Limited

After a couple of years in the construction industry, Tom Booth joined Eastern Fence Limited in early 2017 at their head office in Moncton where he is responsible for sales and estimating in New Brunswick & parts of Nova Scotia. A graduate from both the University of New Brunswick and NBCC Moncton, he holds a bachelor's degree in business administration as well as a diploma in Civil Engineering Technology.

Tom recognizes the importance of the Moncton Northeast Construction Association and how it helps serve its members and the community. He looks forward to the opportunity to serve the board of directors of an organization which is part of the community in which he grew up and works in.

Tom is originally a native of Riverview who now resides in Dieppe. In his spare time, he enjoys spending time at the Moncton Golf & Country Club, travelling, and enjoying time with friends and family.

# Jean Allain, Atlantic Roofers

Employed with Atlantic Roofers over 34 years:

- Manager of PEI Branch from 1997-2017
- In 2014, purchased Atlantic Roofers with Yves Bradet
- Moved to New Brunswick June 2017

Member of the Winsloe Lions Club for 24 years:

- Held several Board of Directors positions including President, Vice President and Secretary
- Chaired Several Committees
- Received Lions of the Year Award
- Awarded Judge Brian Stevenson Award

Member of the Construction Association of PEI from 2000 to 2017:

- Member at Large: 2000 & 2001
- Chair of Finish and General Trades Sector: 2009
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: 2002, 2013
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: 2003, 2006, 2010
- President: 2004, 2007, 2011, 2014, 2016
- Past President: 2005, 2008, 2012, 2015, 2017

#### Glen Chamberlain, Valley Enterprises

#### **Associate Member Bios**

#### Rick Melanson, Goguen Champlain Insurance

Rick Melanson is the Commercial Sales Director of Assurance Goguen Champlain a division of Arthur J Gallagher Canada. After a brief career in teaching, worked for Labatt Breweries of Canada in sales, marketing and management for over 16 years. He started in the insurance business 12 years ago and he was also accredited with the Canadian accredited insurance broker (CAIB) designation in 2007. He is dedicated in providing clear commercial insurance solutions tailored specifically for clients while aiming to reducing overall cost of risk as well as leading his department in meeting his company's objectives. Rick also believes in giving back to his great city by being involved with various community organizations such as the Moncton Boys and Girls club, TMCA, Vice Chair of the Moncton World Curling event 2009 and current board member of the CANB Moncton Northeast, Moncton YMCA Golf Committee and coach of the Senior Boys Volley Ball team at Ecole Mathieu Martin and would be happy to be re-elected and continue as a Board Member for the 3<sup>rd</sup> term so we can see the completion of some of the board's current initiatives.

## Andre Leger, AON Reed Stanhouse Inc.

Andre Leger has the role of account executive with Aon, Andre works closely with construction companies across NB and NS for their surety and insurance needs. Andre has been an active member of MNECA for 15 years and enjoys participating at various events.

Having been a construction insurance broker for 15 years, Andre has an understanding of issues affecting construction companies in Atlantic Canada and has an interest in helping push to resolve issues and better the industry in NB.

In his spare time, Andre enjoys spending time with his daughters, back country skiing, backpacking and wrenching on classic cars.

## Kirk Morris, Englobe

My career began in 2007 with Stantec Consulting Ltd (formally Jacques Whitford) as a summer student working with the Geotechnical and Environmental Engineering groups and in 2008, obtaining my diploma from NBCC in Construction Management. Throughout my career, I gained technical expertise through project experience such as water sampling, laboratory testing, materials and inspection and general consulting services.

Presently with Englobe Corp, I am Senior Technologist with responsibility as a Project Manager, Laboratory Manager and JHSC Committee member, including coordination or field personnel. My roles include providing technical support, client relations, maintaining certifications and ensuring procedures implemented. I am licensed with NBSCETT, certified with CCIL and NBDTI and completed WorksafeNB's JHSCworkshop.

My intention for joining is to provide added value to the board through discussions and increase my current knowledge, connect with professionals, and gain experience in this line of duty.

#### **General Contractor Bios**

#### Rob Clinch, Avant-Garde Construction and Management Inc.

Professional:

2004-Present – Avant-Garde Construction and Management inc. - President and CEO

#### **Current Designations :**

- Gold Seal Certificate Project Management
- LEED Green Associate
- 1998-2003 Metric Corporation, Boston, MA Project Manager

Education :

Bachelor of Civil Engineering and Applied Mechanics, McGill University.

Board Experience:

- 2015 Present 3Plus Corporation, Board of Directors
- Chair of SEED Loan Committee
- Member of Strategic Partners Committee
- Member of Finance and Audit Committee

- Member of Selection Committee for CEO
- 2004-Present Rotary Club of Moncton
- Current Membership Chair
- Board Member 2007 2014
- Club President 2012 2013
- Fundraising Committee
- 2018- Present Riverview Ringette Association

### Personal:

Married to Allyson for 16 years. Three daughters, Julia (13), Rebecca (10), Emily (7)

# Mike Waddell, Modern Building Systems