

Candidate Slate for the 2024 Board of Directors



Phil Brkich

Phil is a Human Resources professional with extensive experience in payroll, employee engagement & relations, benefits, recruitment, policy implementation, and back-office process improvement. While working for Canadian Natural Resources Limited, Phil has developed a proven track record of achievement in the execution of effective Human Resources strategies within the energy industry.

As Phil's younger sibling was diagnosed with autism at a young age, this motivated him to become involved with CanLearn and contribute to the organization's mission.

Phil is a SHRM Certified Professional, a Chartered Professional in Human Resources Candidate, and holds a BBA in Human Resources and General Management from Mount Royal University.



Christine Bye

Christine is currently the Human Resources Manager for Alberta Ballet Company. Christine has over 20 years of HR experience within oil and gas, recruitment services, and non-profit industries. Christine has extensive experience in talent acquisition, policy and program development, employee & labour relations, HR operations and immigration.

Christine is a Chartered Professional in Human Resources (CPHR) and Certified Talent Management Practitioner (CTMP) and holds a Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Human Resources Management from the University of Manitoba.

Christine has a passion for volunteering having held various board positions including Director with AIESEC Calgary, Treasurer with West Springs School Development Association, and President of Whispering Pines Strata Council.



Katie Kachur

Katie Kachur is a dynamic public affairs strategist and thought leader with experience in advocacy, lobbying, policy development and communications in the energy sector. Katie is currently the Vice President of Western Canada for Government Relations for the Canadian Propane Association (CPA) where she engages in policy at all levels of government and works with members to design and implement sustainable energy policies.

Katie holds a Masters of Public Administration from the University of Victoria. She has a proven track record in cultivating alliances and advancing federal and provincial advocacy initiatives.



Maria Robin

Maria Robin, a seasoned professional in social work, currently excels as the Casework Supervisor at Stoney Nakoda Child & Family Services in Morley, AB. With a Bachelor of Psychology, she brings a wealth of experience, having previously contributed to Hull and Woods in Calgary. Growing up in a family that fostered children, Maria possesses a unique understanding of the complexities of children's strengths and weaknesses, particularly those with disabilities. Specializing in child protection, foster care, and family support, she leads her team with expertise, ensuring exceptional service delivery.

Currently pursuing her Master's in Social Work at the University of Calgary, Maria integrates risk assessment strategies for effective interventions. Her extensive experience, leadership, and compassionate approach make her an invaluable asset for organizations committed to community well-being.