

Biographies
Enterprise Saskatchewan
Board of Directors*
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Honourable Lyle Stewart (Chair)
Minister of Enterprise and Innovation

Biography available at <http://www.gov.sk.ca/cabinet/stewart/>

Gavin Semple (Deputy Chair)

Mr. Semple is Owner and President of Brandt Group of Companies, the largest privately held company in Saskatchewan, employing 1,250 people across Canada and with revenues approaching one billion dollars.

He has served on several Boards including Doepker Industries, Canada Post Corporation, Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce, Prairie Implement Manufacturers Association, Saskatchewan Research Council, Regina Regional Economic Development Authority (REDA), Saskatchewan Safety Council, and others.

Mr. Semple also actively supports community organizations such as the Regina Exhibition Association (IPSCO Place) and Luther College.

Mr. Semple lives in Regina.

Honourable June Draude
Minister of First Nations and Métis Relations

Biography available at <http://www.gov.sk.ca/cabinet/draude>

Myrna Bentley

Myrna Bentley is the Chief Executive Officer and President of Concentra Financial Services Inc. For the fifth year in a row Concentra has been named one of the 50 Best Managed Companies in Canada. She has worked in the co-operative financial system for over 30 years, holding a variety of senior executive positions.

Ms. Bentley has won many awards and recognition for her leadership including the 2007 Athena International Award recognizing "Professional Excellence, Community Contribution, and Mentoring of Women in realizing their full leadership potential" and she was named as "A Woman of Influence" in Saskatchewan. She received a Business Administration degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

She is an active community volunteer and served on many non-profit boards. Ms. Bentley is a contributing author of *Cultures of Excellence*, published in 2005.

Ms. Bentley is based in Saskatoon.

Bill Cooper

Bill Cooper has been involved in farming in the Foam Lake area, since he graduated from University of Saskatchewan (U of S) College of Agriculture in 1951. He is presently involved in the family farming enterprise consisting of 4,500 cultivated acres. He also has many years experience in teaching numerous agriculture courses and coordinating extension courses offered by the University of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cooper has advocated for market driven solutions to agriculture, and has served on several agriculture boards, committees, and think tanks including the Rapeseed/Canola Growers Association, North East Terminal Ltd., Western Grain Standards Committee, Prairie Rail Action Committee, the Estey Review, Institute for Saskatchewan Enterprise Inc., Canadian Industrial Transporters Association (CITA) and others.

He currently lives in Saskatoon.

Michael Fougere

Michael Fougere is President of the Saskatchewan Construction Association and is Co-Chair of the Labour Market Information Committee of the Construction Sector Council. Mr. Fougere previously worked with the provincial government in the areas of investment attraction, business development, and business immigration. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree from St. Francis Xavier University and a Masters of Science degree from the London School of Economics.

Mr. Fougere is currently sitting for his fourth term on Regina City Council. He serves on the following committees: Regina Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Directors of Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (SUMA), Chair of the Regina Planning Commission, and Vice-Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee.

Mr. Fougere lives in Regina.

Mark Frison

Mark Frison (BSc, BBA, Masters in Industrial Relations) is President and Chief Executive Officer of Cypress Hills College in Swift Current.

Mr. Frison has also spent several years in economic development in Atlantic Canada in senior positions with two federal Crown Corporations including Cape Breton Growth Fund Corporation. He co-authored a report on how governments could best assist in re-developing the Island's economy. He has coordinated the work of several economic sectoral advisory committees.

Mr. Frison has served on several boards, advisory bodies, and commissions. He currently is the Chair of the Campus Saskatchewan Management Board, the only organization where all public post-secondary institutions are represented, and which works collaboratively to foster greater accessibility and mobility for students.

He currently resides in Swift Current.

E. Craig Lothian

Craig Lothian (BA, LLB) has over 15 years experience in the oil and gas sector and is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of two energy-based companies (Keystone Royalty Corp. and Villanova Energy Corp.). In addition, he is the former Board Chair of Bulldog Resources Inc., a TSX listed company. He is also founder and director of Lex Capital Corp., Lex Realty Holdings Inc., and Crave Kitchen + Wine Bar Inc. He is a former director of Natural Valley Farms Inc., and a founding shareholder of Terra Grain Fuels. Prior to entering the energy business, Mr. Lothian was a partner in a Regina law firm.

Mr. Lothian is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD). In addition to corporate boards, he has served on the boards of the Hospitals of Regina Foundation and the Assiniboia Club.

Mr. Lothian is well known in both Regina and Carlyle.

David Marit

David Marit, a farmer in the Fife Lake area for over 35 years, is currently the President of Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM), and has been a Councillor in the RM of Willow Bunch since 1993. He has represented SARM on Action Committee on the Rural Economy (ACRE), Agrivision, Clearing the Path, Saskatchewan Biofuel Development Council, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and other committees. He is the RM representative to the Comfort Jubilees Senior Housing project in Assiniboia.

Mr. Marit was instrumental in forming the South Central Municipal Association, which brings 15 rural and seven urban municipalities together to work on an array of issues. He is currently President of Fife Lake Shortline, established in 2006, and owned by five rural, two urban municipalities, and Great Western Rail.

He currently resides on a farm north of Fife Lake.

Crystal McLeod

Crystal McLeod (BA - Honours, LLB) is a lawyer with Robertson Stromberg Pedersen in Saskatoon. She has been involved in economic development in Saskatchewan and served on several boards including First Nations Bank of Canada, Saskatchewan Indian Equity Foundation (SIEF), and SIEF Investments (chair). She is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors (ICD)

She is an active volunteer with community-based organizations such as the Saskatoon Friendship Inn. She recently spoke at the Canadian Bar Association on the topic of *“Opportunity Knocking: Saskatchewan’s Evolving Aboriginal Demographics”*.

Ms. McLeod is a member of the Yellow Quill First Nation and currently lives in Saskatoon.

Gary Merasty

Gary Merasty, a member of the Peter Ballantyne Cree Nation, is Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility at Cameco Corporation in Saskatoon. Mr. Merasty served as Grand Chief of the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC) as well as the Member of Parliament for the northern riding of Desnethé-Missinippi-Churchill River.

Mr. Merasty has experience in governance, policy development, and business, both in the Aboriginal and private sectors. He helped establish and shape some key boards including Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority, PAGC Development Corporation, Westwind Aviation, the Saskatoon Airport Authority, and others.

He currently resides in Saskatoon.

Hugh Wagner

Hugh Wagner is the General Secretary of the Grain Services Union (ILWU • Canada). Prior to joining the GSU, Mr. Wagner worked in the service sector, the construction industry, and the provincial civil service in Saskatchewan. He was raised in the small town of Macnutt, Saskatchewan, where his family operated a small business.

Mr. Wagner obtained a Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Political Science from the Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan. Subsequent to joining the GSU, he completed his thesis and obtained a Masters Degree in Political Science from the University of Regina.

In addition to his duties with the Grain Services Union, Mr. Wagner represents the union on a variety of committees, consultative bodies and labour movement forums. He is a trustee of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool / Grain Services Union Pension Plan; GSU's delegate to the Western Transportation Advisory Council; and a past Vice-President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

Mr. Wagner is a member of the Executive Board of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union - Canada; a member of the Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Labour Market Commission; and a labour member of the Saskatchewan Labour Relations Board.

Mr. Wagner lives in Regina.

*Note: Members will serve as an Advisory Council to the Minister until *The Enterprise Saskatchewan Act* has been proclaimed this spring.