

INTRODUCING THE 2012 FCSS ASSOCIATION BOARD

JEFF CARLSON - President



Jeff is most excited to be returning to the FCSSAA Board for his fourth term and his second year as President. Since 2008 Jeff has served on the Board as South Region representative, Vice President and President. Jeff is a City of Lethbridge Councillor.

Through his paid and volunteer work in Lethbridge, Jeff recognizes that the agencies and programs supported by FCSS are some of the most important in his community. Jeff is also very active in the theatre community, where he was a founding member of New West Theatre and served as Associate Director, writer and performer for the last 20 years. His partner Andre, and his dog Link say that while they're happy Jeff is President of the FCSSAA, they miss him on his frequent travels to Edmonton!

MIKE BUTLER - Directors' Network

Mike has been employed with the Town of Edson for the past 16 years including 11 years as Director of Community Services and FCSS. He came to FCSS as a confused Rec'y, but soon learned and appreciated the philosophy of FCSS. Mike has been a member of the FCSS Directors' Network Coordinating Council for the past 3½ years and after 1 year on the FCSSAA Board, still looks forward to contributing his knowledge and enthusiasm to the Board.



ALEX CATHCART - Calgary-Bow River Region (Bow River Representative)

Alex has been on the Cochrane FCSS Board since 2009 and currently serves as the chair. He is a member of the Cochrane Seniors Task Force and the Cochrane Youth Task Force. Previous volunteering includes being a board member with the Cochrane Library, Calgary Family Service Bureau, St. John Ambulance Association, Calgary Minor Soccer Association and Alberta Soccer Association. He is past president of the Calgary Burns Club and enjoys making presentations on the poetry and philosophy of Robert Burns. He is also an amateur painter and sang with the Calgary Burns Club Singers.

Alex feels privileged to be associated with the dedicated, hard working staff of Cochrane FCSS. Alex is a retired geologist and oil executive, who moved to Cochrane from Calgary after he retired from the business world. He is married and has two sons and seven grandchildren.

JIM CHEVERIE - Northeast Region

Jim's interest with FCSS relates to his experience in the NWT and the Yukon, where regional department heads met every month and he was amazed with the reports from the social services managers. The hardships that children and families endured was in many cases beyond belief. This is the primary reason Jim requested the Mayor of Bonnyville to appoint him to the FCSS Board. Jim believes we have a municipal and provincial responsibility to provide a better quality of life for our citizens under 7 and over 70.

Jim's professional career was in public service as a public works superintendant and municipal director of engineering services for 25 years, in the NWT, Yukon, BC and Alberta. He is currently in his second term as councillor with the Town of Bonnyville.

PHYLLIS COLLINS - Directors' Network



Phyllis has been the Director of Community Services at Elizabeth Métis Settlement for 9 years. Along with her 25 years of volunteer work at Elizabeth, she has been the Economic Development Officer and a Council Chairperson. Phyllis is serving her sixth year

on the FCSSAA Board and is a Co-Chair of the Directors' Network. Phyllis and her husband of 45 years have 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren.



JOHN CRISP - South Region



John has been a board member with Medicine Hat FCSS since 2008, and served as Chair for two of those years. He currently works in the business sector, but prior to that, was in municipal administration for almost three decades. He has volunteered with the social agencies in the communities he

has worked in, besides serving many local municipal boards as an employee.

John has always viewed FCSS as a great service to any municipality, and the increased community needs underscore the value of this unique provincial-municipal partnership. John and his wife are now empty-nesters, with children in Calgary and Edmonton.

MARY ANN ECKSTROM - Northwest Region



Mary Ann has been an advocate of FCSS since becoming involved in 1980. She is serving her sixth term as a Councillor with Grande Prairie County and has been Chair of the County's FCSS Program for 14 years. She was the Northwest Region

representative on the FCSSAA Board for 9 years, 2 of those as Vice President, 4 as President, and is returning in 2012 as Northwest Region representative.

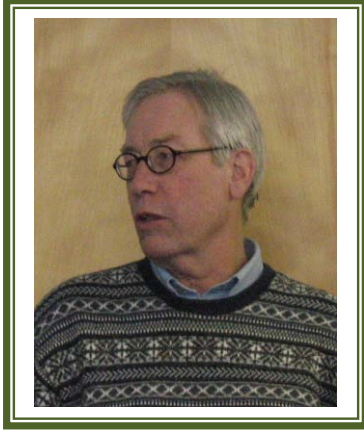
Mary Ann is married to Darwin. They have 3 sons and live on a small sheep farm near Sexsmith. Mary Ann has been a piano teacher for over 20 years and has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Alberta.

CATRIONA GUNN-GRAHAM - Directors' Network

Catriona is the Manager of Community and Social Development for Strathcona County Family and Community Services. She has a degree in Social Work and has been with FCS for over 20 years in a variety of roles. Catriona believes strongly in the importance of collaboration and community engagement in addressing complex social issues. She has played a key role in the development of the Strathcona County Social Sustainability Framework, Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy, and Older Adults Plan. She has had the opportunity to work at the community, regional and provincial level on a wide range of social issues. Catriona is passionate about the philosophy and promise of FCSS.



MARSH HOKE - Yellowhead Region



Marsh is a Board member with Edson FCSS. He finds time to be involved with FCSS in his retirement because he has always appreciated FCSS. He wants to represent the Region to the FCSSAA and the FCSSAA to regional members.

Marsh is a social worker by training, and a recovering American by birth. He has lived in Alberta since 1972. Marsh was the AADAC Area Office Supervisor in Edson from 1977 until he retired in 2002. Always an active member of the Edson Interagency Council, Marsh was one of the agitators encouraging the development of an FCSS Program in Edson in the 1980s.

GERALD KUEFLER - East Central Region



Gerald is Chair of the Flagstaff Family and Community Services. This is his second term as the East Central Region representative on the FCSSAA Board.

Gerald lives on a farm in Flagstaff County near Galahad with his wife Karen. He has four children who have developed their

careers and live in various locations in Alberta and Canada. Gerald is a third term Councillor and Deputy Reeve for Flagstaff County. He is also involved with the Agricultural Research and Extension Council of Alberta (ARECA) of which he is the Chair.

Understanding the process of governance and the role of boards to make organizations successful is one strength that Gerald brings to the FCSSAA Board.

ANDI MCDONALD - Edmonton-Evergreen Region (Edmonton Representative)

Andi is a Board member with the City of Edmonton FCSS Program. 2012 marks Andi's second year as an FCSSAA Board member.

Andi believes in the importance and value of preventive social services and brings many years experience as a social issues advocate to the FCSSAA Board.

BRIAN PINCOTT - Calgary-Bow River Region (Calgary Representative)



Brian is now in his second term as Alderman for Ward 11 in Calgary and serving his first term with the FCSSAA Board. As a member of Council, Brian has dedicated himself to fostering a culture of sustainability in Calgary - something he has been passionate about since moving

there in 1996. He recognizes the importance of preventive social services as critical to sustainability and to ensuring we have a vibrant community for everyone.

DEBBIE POSEY - Directors' Network



Debbie is the Town of Okotoks FCSS Team Leader and is pleased to return to the FCSSAA Board as a Directors' Network representative. Debbie has been involved in some type of volunteer activity for most of her adult life. She believes that FCSS is a remarkable Program -

it's a model of prevention and community development that needs to be adopted in every province and territory in Canada!

FLO ROBINSON - West Central Region



Flo has been on the Kneehill Regional FCSS Board for over 17 years and is very passionate about the role of FCSS in Alberta.

JAMES ROLLISON - Edmonton-Evergreen Region (Evergreen Representative)



James was first elected to Gibbons Council in 2000 and is now serving his third term. He has served on numerous municipal boards, as well as participated in many community activities. Being assigned to represent Council on the Gibbons FCSS Board,

James has grown to appreciate and respect greatly the dedication and commitment of all those associated with the FCSS Program.

While employed, James was part of a multinational corporation, then moved to a private enterprise in Victoria. Upon retiring from business in the early 1990s he moved his family... home to Alberta. James and his wife Suzanne have a son and daughter and one grandchild, Tyler, who loves to take care of his grandpa.

KATHLEEN TURNER - Directors' Network

Kathleen is the FCSS Director for Grande Prairie County, where she has worked for over 20 years, 13 of those as the Director. She is a Co-Chair of Directors' Network and is serving her first year on the FCSSAA Board in that position. Kathleen was previously an FCSSAA Board member from 2001-2004.

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From the FCSS Association Board,
Executive Director and Staff

To everyone involved in providing
a tremendous FCSS Program
in every corner of the province

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
AND ALL THE BEST
FOR
A MOST EXCELLENT
2012!

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR