

## Board of Directors

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Opimian is governed by a Board of Directors representing different parts of the country as well as a president, vice-president and treasurer. They dispatch stewardship responsibility according to the governance documents, available in the left hand column.

The Charter of Expectations for the Board & Individual Directors provides the guidelines and code by which all Opimian Directors act.

Should you be interested in submitting your candidacy for election to the Board of Directors, we invite you to complete the Board Application Form.

### President and Director

#### British Columbia, Phil Grewar

Phil Grewar has been a member of Opimian since 1980. He volunteered as the Opimian Area Representative for Vancouver Island for 12 years, serving until 2004, when he was elected to the Board of Directors. He served as Vice-President for three years and has been President since 2010. Phil is the Chief Risk Officer for the Government of British Columbia. He established the Risk Management Branch in government, and the province's self insurance and risk management initiatives including extensive programs for the public education and health care sectors and the introduction of an Enterprise Risk Management model to the provincial public sector. Additionally, Phil is responsible for Security across government. He previously had extensive risk management experience in the private sector with multinational mining, chemicals, and forest products companies and in the public sector, with a provincial Crown corporation. Phil was named "Risk Manager of the Year" by Business Insurance magazine, the first public sector recipient and the second Canadian to receive this award in its then 21 year history. He was also awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in recognition of his contributions to the province.

## Vice-President and Director

### Ontario, Lois-Anne Brebner

Lois-Anne Brebner and her husband, Lee, are past Area Representatives for Halton/Niagara. A Director since 2009, Lois-Anne is Vice President of Opimian and a former Trustee of The Opimian Vineyard Trust. Lois-Anne spent over twenty years in senior management positions in the telecommunications industry. Upon retirement from her position as Assistant Vice-President, Government Relations, Bell Canada, Lois-Anne launched a successful management consulting business specializing in government relations, marketing communications, and strategic planning. She has extensive experience on not-for-profit boards, including being appointed by the Minister of Education to the Ontario Parents' Council, a Director of the Agricultural Leadership Trust of the University of Guelph/OMAFRA, Chair, Eastern Ontario Selection Committee, Advanced Agricultural Leadership Program, Director, RBC Festival of Classics, Governor, Saint Mildred's Lightbourn School, Oakville, Director, Public Affairs Association of Canada, and has served on Ministers' Advisory Councils. Lois-Anne has successfully completed the requirements for the Advanced Certificate in Board Governance from the OHA Governance Centre of Excellence as well as the Leadership Certificate for Hospital Board Chairs. Lois-Anne is currently Chair of the Carleton Place and District Memorial Hospital.

## Treasurer and Director

### Quebec, Claude Charest, CPA, CA

Claude Charest, CPA, CA, has over 35 years of experience as a chartered accountant and business advisor. He practiced in the Canadian taxation and auditing sector focusing on the fields of Education, Health, Social Services and the private sector. He was a management consultant and advisor to small and medium enterprises. As part of his work, he developed business plans and conducted studies on the financing, feasibility and profitability of businesses. He is also a retired partner of Samson Bélair Deloitte Touche. Mr. Charest has taught at the Faculty of Administration at the Sherbrooke University for ten years in the following programs: Bachelor of Business Administration and Masters in

Business Administration. He was also responsible for teaching seminars related to the internal taxation of organizations. He was a member of the jury for the competition of the "50 Best Managed Companies in Canada". Mr. Charest is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors and has served on several boards.

#### Secretary and Director

#### Ontario, David Ledingham

Dave Ledingham became a member of the Opimian in 1990. He and his wife Sherrill were appointed Area Representatives for Toronto West in 1997 and served as ARs until Dave joined the Board of Opimian in 2009. Dave, a Professional Engineer had a 28-year career with Shell Canada Limited. At his retirement from Shell in 1994 he was the Retail Engineering Manager for Ontario. In 1994, Dave received his Certificate of Authorization from Professional Engineers Ontario to provide engineering consulting services to the downstream petroleum industry. As the President of Petroleum Technical Services, Dave provides technical design support, advice on Government Regulation and petroleum construction safety training to a wide client base in the industry. He is a member of both Professional Engineers Ontario and Ontario Society of Professional Engineers. Dave has also volunteered on the boards of the local softball association and the Brampton Softball Umpires Association.

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### British Columbia, Gerry Armstrong

Gerry originally joined Opimian in the late 1970's in Saskatchewan and renewed his membership after his return to British Columbia. He is now retired from the public service of British Columbia having held a number of Deputy Minister appointments in that province including Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services, Advanced Education, Finance, Forests and Environment. He served in a variety of capacities with crown corporations, independent commissions and on corporate boards in both British Columbia and Saskatchewan. Gerry completed an Honours Economics degree at the University of British Columbia and received his Master's Degree in Economics from Northwestern University. He is a recent past chair of the Advisory Board to the School of Public Administration at the University of Victoria, a current member of the Advisory Board to the University's Faculty of Human and Social Development and a Life Member of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities. Gerry, who grew up in the mountain communities of Revelstoke and Rossland remains an avid skier and hiker. Gerry and his wife, Sandy, live in Victoria, B.C.

### Alberta, Doug Clement

Doug and his wife Marietta joined Opimian in 1974 in London Ontario. They were appointed Area Representatives for Edmonton and Northern Alberta from 2004-2011. Doug & Marietta have travelled the wine world extensively for interest and education. Doug's career has spanned 25 years in the telecom industry with Bell Canada and Northern Telecom where he served as regional Vice President for Alberta, Yukon and NWT. He also served as President, Edmonton Economic Development Corp. and Vice Pres for biotech company, Ceapro Inc. Doug is currently President, Clement & Associates, an Edmonton-based housewares distribution company. Doug has served on numerous boards of for-profit companies and non-profit organizations including Edmonton United Way, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Vice Chair, Micralyne Inc. Technologies, Chair, Exceedia Software Inc.

## Alberta, Paul Reimer

Paul Reimer is Senior Vice-President, Marketing Transportation & Power, Cenovus Energy Inc. Paul holds a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Waterloo and a Master of Business Administration from University of Calgary. He is a member of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Alberta. Paul's career in the oil and gas industry spans over 30 years primarily in the marketing and midstream areas. He has held board positions on numerous Canadian and International companies and partnerships, representing employer's ownership interest. He currently has oversight responsibility for leading the team in delivering unconstrained access to the highest value markets for Cenovus' oil and gas production. Paul is currently President of a BC Strata Council Board and Chair of the Organizing Committee of the Canadian Crude Oil Conference. He has been a member of Opimian since 2004.

## Manitoba/Saskatchewan, William Podolsky

Bill Podolsky earned a BComm in 1966 and MBA in 1970. Bill has over 23 years experience in Executive Management as Assistant Deputy Minister and Executive Director two large government departments – Natural Resources and Conservation where his responsibilities included human resources, IT, Finance and Operational Support. Bill is currently occupied as a business consultant focussing on planning and operational issues. Bill has been an Opimian member for over 25 years. As well, he has participated in (and won) several Provincial wine tasting contests. Bill has served as a member of the National Board of Directors of the Kidney Foundation of Canada (executive board for three years) and served as President of the Manitoba Board, was a Director of the Tire Stewardship Board of Manitoba, Director and

President of the Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club.

Atlantic, Steve Delaney

Steve joined Opimian in 1990 and rapidly became an active member attending events and purchasing wines. In 1997 he was appointed Area Representative for the Newfoundland and Labrador chapter and, with his wife Joan Hartery, was responsible for growing the chapter three-fold during a tenure of almost 14 years. Steve also writes a weekly wine column for The Telegram newspaper in St. John's. Steve has enjoyed a 30 year career in Information Technology and Telecommunications professional services consulting and is currently a Sales Account Executive with Bell Canada. During that time he served as a Commissioner on a provincial Royal Commission. In addition to his professional life, he has been active in many volunteer executive roles with cultural, environmental, and sporting organizations at the city, provincial, and national level.

Atlantic, Terrence Hutchinson

Terrence Hutchinson, Q.C. is a native of Saint John, New Brunswick and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree (Economics) from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of New Brunswick. Terry was called to the New Brunswick Bar in 1978 and received his Queen's Counsel designation in December 2000. Terry's 25-year practice of law has primarily focused on corporate and commercial law, representing local, provincial, national and international clients in matters including among others, financings, mergers and acquisitions, private equity financing, start-ups, reorganizations, regulatory matters, succession planning, and general legal advice to SME owners and

management. Terry frequently advises businesses with respect to governance and board of director issues. Terry is actively involved in community, national and international associations and serves as a Director of Destination Marketing Organization (Saint John Tourism), Director and Vice-President, Turnbull Nursing Home, Director and Past President, Fernhill Cemetery Company.