



ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WORKPLACE SAFETY AND HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Chair

Johanna Willows (Winnipeg) is labour, employment and human rights counsel for the City of Winnipeg. Willows is also a sessional instructor at the Department of Labour Studies at the University of Manitoba, teaching labour law and employment law courses. Previously, she worked as an associate for Myers Weinberg LLP and articled with Raven Law in Ottawa. Willows was a recipient of the Manitoba Bar Association Pro Bono Prize in 2014 and 2016. She has a juris doctor from the University of Ottawa and bachelor of arts (honours) in philosophy from Concordia University.

Members

Blaine Duncan (Winnipeg) is a safety and health specialist with the Manitoba Government and General Employees' Union. He has more than 30 years of experience in occupational health and safety matters. Duncan is a member of the National Advisory Committee on the Environment for the National Union of Public and General Employees and the Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Training Standards Council, and a past member of the Minister's Advisory Council on matters related to safety and health. He has a bachelor of science and a workplace safety and health certificate from the University of Manitoba.

Julie Lackner (Oakbank) is a labour relations/workplace health and safety officer for the Manitoba Nurses Union (MNU). She is a licensed practical nurse. Lackner was president for the Home Care Nurses Worksite 97, Winnipeg Community Regional local president, and a MNU board member. She holds certificates in integrated disability management from the University of Fredericton, human resources management from Red River College Polytech, practical nursing from the St. Boniface School of Nursing, and certified safety and health professional from Safety Services Manitoba.

Rick Rennie (Winnipeg) is the workplace health and safety/education director for the Manitoba Federation of Labour (MFL). Previously, he served as the president of the Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 1063, worked as a safety culture specialist for SAFE Work Manitoba, and held the position of senior policy analyst at the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba. Currently, Rennie is vice-chair for the board of the MFL Occupational Health Centre, the labour representative for the Legislative Review Committee with Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act, and a board member for Workplace Education Manitoba. He has a PhD in history from the Memorial University of Newfoundland.

Phil Kraychuk (Oakbank) serves as the negotiator for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 832 in Winnipeg and previously held the position of director of health and safety/workers compensation with the same union. Kraychuk contributes as a part-time commissioner (worker representative) on the Workers Compensation Appeal Commission. He also served on the prior minister's Advisory Council for Workplace Safety and Health. Kraychuk has an occupational safety and health certificate (honours) from Red River College Polytech.

Neal Curry (Winnipeg) is the executive director of Made Safe. He is a member of the Workers Compensation Board Prevention Advisory Council and the Industry Based Safety Program Council. Previously, Curry served on the board of directors of Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters and Safety Services Manitoba. Curry has a master of business administration from the Schulich School of Business, a bachelor of arts from York University, and a diploma in mechanical engineering technology from the Algonquin College of Applied Arts and Technology.

Sean Scott (Winnipeg) is the executive director of the Construction Safety Association of Manitoba. Previously, he served as the senior district health, safety, and environment manager for PCL Construction Canada. Scott is vice-chair of Manitoba Industry-Based Safety Programs Council, chair for the Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Association Governance Committee, co-chair for the Manitoba Safety and Health Training Standards Council, and a member of the Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulation Review for the Minister's Advisory Committee and the National Safety Committee for the Skills Canada Competition. He has completed the management certificate program from the Red River College Polytech, the occupational safety and health program from the University of Manitoba, and the computer accounting certificate program from the Success/Angus School of Business.

Jacquelyn Oduro (Winnipeg) is the director of the WorkSafely Program at the Manitoba Heavy Construction Association. Previously, she was the director of the Sales and Service Safety Association. Oduro serves as chair for the Industry Based Safety Program Council, a board member for Manitoba Construction Sector Council and Safe Workers of Tomorrow, an advisory committee member for Manitoba Workplace Safety and Health Act and Regulations Review, a committee member for the Manitoba Ground Alliance, and a council member for the Manitoba Training Standards Council. She has a bachelor of arts from the University of Manitoba, has completed the occupational health and safety certificate from Red River Polytech College, and holds Canadian registered safety professional and Canadian health and safety consultant designations.

Ron Van Denakker (Winnipeg) is the executive director for the Manitoba Association for Safety in Healthcare and leads Manitoba's SAFE Work Initiative under SAFE Work Manitoba. Previously, he served as president and chief executive officer for the Interlake-Eastern Regional Health Authority. Van Denakker is a member of the Prevention Advisory Council, reporting to the governance committee of the Workers Compensation Board of Manitoba's board of directors. He has a master of health science in administration from the Central Michigan University, a bachelor of environmental studies from the University of Manitoba, and completed the certificate program in health-care administration from the University of Saskatchewan. Additionally, he is a registered diagnostic medical sonographer and cardiography sonographer at Health Sciences Centre Winnipeg.

Elizabeth Houtkooper (Winnipeg) is an occupational health nurse at the MFL Occupational Health Centre. Previously, she was a nurse practitioner at the Klinic Community Health Centre. Houtkooper is a member of quality committee and building codes committee of the Occupational Health Centre as well as the Manitoba Occupational Health Nurses Interest Group. She has a master of nursing and a bachelor of nursing from the University of Manitoba.

Deborah Jamerson (Winnipeg) career included working with Workplace Safety and Health for the Manitoba government providing expertise in policies, procedures, laws, acts and regulations. Jamerson has over 40 years of experience representing union members at various levels. She graduated from Kildonan-East Collegiate.

Technical representatives

Joey Bellino has a broad background and more than 20 years of experience in occupational hygiene and safety (OHS), including at the University of Manitoba, working as an independent consultant, and currently as regional practice leader, OHS for Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Region at Pinchin Ltd., a well known environmental, engineering, and health and safety consulting firm. Bellino is a longtime, valued member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, an association for scientists and professionals committed to preserving and ensuring occupational and environmental health and safety in the workplace and community.

Ray Solski has worked in the mining Industry for more than 16 years with experience in operations, learning and development, as well as safety and health. His career includes roles in several management positions, and he is currently Vale's superintendent of health, safety and risk management. In this role, Solski is responsible for integrating corporate safety and health programs, developing and maintaining programs required under federal and provincial legislation, including the occupational health and safety management system and occupational exposure monitoring.