



AME 2019 Board of Directors

Biographies

Director: Andy Randell



Andy is a professional geologist living in Vancouver who is tailoring his career to bring change to the minerals exploration industry. Since 2014, he has established his consulting business, SGDS Hive, which takes on graduate geoscientists and mentors them through a variety of exploration projects to help engage and educate the next generation of geologists. He also started a non-profit society, Below BC, to provide outreach to the public around Earth Science topics, which now serves several thousand people in British Columbia each year. Andy was awarded the Bedford Young Mining Leaders Award from the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum in 2016 for his ongoing

contributions to the industry.

He gained his bachelors degree in Environmental Geoscience from the University of Cardiff (Wales). Outside of his own businesses, Andy also sits on the Mentoring Committee for Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and the Geological Society Committee for the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum and has several other community volunteer roles beyond the exploration industry.

Director: Bruce Scott



Bruce Scott has been the Vice President, Corporate Affairs of Seabridge Gold Inc. since 2012 and counsel to Seabridge. For Seabridge, he provides legal services relating to corporate finance and mining matters and works extensively on the KSM Project on relationships with aboriginal groups, mineral tenure matters and support for permitting efforts, including its environmental assessment applications. Bruce played a central role in the negotiation of Seabridge's agreements with the Nisga'a Nation and the Gitanyow First Nation and is working towards agreements with other aboriginal groups. Formerly, from 1998 to 2011, Bruce was a

partner at DuMoulin Black LLP.

Bruce has been a Director of AME since 2016 and is a member of AME's Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation Committee.

Director: Chad Norman Day



Chad Norman Day is in his second term as the President of the Tahltan Central Government after previously serving as a band councillor. Chad lives in Telegraph Creek north of Terrace and also in Smithers. Chad has a law degree from the University of Victoria with a specialization in litigation involving First Nations individuals. The Tahltan Central Government represents the 10 main Tahltan families in dealing with issues on Tahltan traditional territory.

Director: Christine Ogryzlo



Christine Ogryzlo works to bring local communities and the minerals industry closer together. She has decades of experience as a journalist and business researcher. She was a producer with CBC Radio, founded her own business research company and helped establish the Northwest Community College School of Exploration & Mining in Smithers. Christine is the President of the Smithers Exploration Group, which represents the northwest minerals industry. She has been an AME Director since 2015 and is also a Director with Geoscience BC. Christine lives in Topley Landing, BC.

Director: Colin Russell



Colin Russell is a professional geologist involved with mining and geology for the past 40 years. He began his career as a mine labourer in Yukon in 1978 and then moved on to obtain his B.Sc. in Geology at the University of British Columbia. Since graduation he has worked for junior and major exploration companies on projects ranging from grassroots through to feasibility. Colin has worked throughout Canada and overseas, including Guyana, China, the Republic of Cyprus and Namibia, but has returned to his early roots working in the northwest corner of BC as Exploration Manager for Skeena Resources Limited.

Colin moved to Kamloops in 1992 and shortly thereafter became involved with the Kamloops Exploration Group. He spent 20 years on the board, eventually serving as its president for five years before stepping down.

Director: Corinne McKay



The Nisga’a Nation elected Corinne McKay to position of Secretary Treasurer in the November 2012 election and she was re-elected in November of 2016. She had served as council member for Gitwinksihlkw Village Government in 2004 – 2008. Prior to that she volunteered as a Chairperson and Treasurer of the Prince Rupert Nisga’a Local.

Corinne is Ganada (Frog/Raven), of the House of Hay’maas. Her Nisga’a name is Bilaam Neekhl, meaning “Pearly Fin”. She is married to Alfred McKay of Laxgalts’ap and has two sons Will and Bertram, and daughter, Melissa and twin granddaughters. Her parents are Norma and George Morgan of Gitwinksihlkw. Corinne has a Masters Degree in Business Administration, specializing in Executive Management; Bachelor of Commerce Degree, major in Accounting, minor in First Nations Studies; Diploma in Business Administration; Clerk Bookkeeper Certification; as well as a Nisga’a Studies Certificate. She had the privilege to learn Nisga’a Language and Culture through Wilp Wilxo’oskwhl Nisga’a by taking courses with late Dr Bertram McKay and his wife Audrey.

Corinne worked for Northern Native Fishing Corporation for 20 years, leaving a position of General Manager to take a health contract with Nisga’a Valley Health. She has worked as a Bookkeeper, Administrator, Referendum Commissioner, Chief Electoral Officer, Project Analyst, Vocational /Technical Director, College Instructor, Human Resources Manager, and Director of Programs.

She has volunteered for years supporting youth basketball as coach, and treasurer. She was also a Sunday School teacher in Prince Rupert. She references this quote to support the case for more funding for youth: “As the World Health Organization notes, for every government dollar invested in children, taxpayers save \$7 in downstream costs, such as policing, addictions and social assistance[i].” She held a position of Regional Lead for Aboriginal Sports for several years advocating for funding for sports programming in the northwest region.

She readily acknowledges the tremendous efforts of those that made the Nisga’a Treaty a reality from the 1913 Petition to the realization of the Nisga’a Treaty in May 2000. She realizes the importance of carrying on the legacy of the leadership and honouring the provisions of the Nisga’a Constitution and complying with legislation. Her mandate is to continue to provide good, effective, and accountable government[ii].

Along with her role as an AME Director, Corinne has been instrumental in the formation and success of the BC Regional Mining Alliance, a partnership between the Province of BC, Nisga’a Lisims Government, Tahltan Central Government, AME and founding industry partners.¹

¹ From <http://www.nisgaanation.ca/officers-bios>

Director: Diane Nicolson



Dr. Diane Nicolson is President of Amarc Resources Ltd., a Hunter Dickinson Inc.-associated company with several active exploration properties in BC. A mining executive and senior exploration geologist, Diane possesses a long and successful track record in mineral exploration and development in Canada and around the world. Since arriving in BC from South America, Diane has been an active participant and leader in the province’s mining sector and has been privileged to serve the exploration community as an AME Director, Chair and Vice-Chair, and as a member of the Executive, Land Access and Use, Roundup and Indigenous

Relations and Reconciliation committees. Diane views her nine years as an active AME volunteer as an incredible opportunity to give back to the industry. As President of an active BC junior company, Diane has gained a direct and comprehensive knowledge of the exploration and mining business in BC, and a close appreciation for the challenges facing companies including access to capital in its many aspects, access to the land base, sound relations with aboriginal and non-aboriginal communities and an efficient, reliable and credible regulatory and permitting system. She also retains a fundamental love of geoscience and an understanding of the need for high-quality and readily available geoscience data.

Director: Don Bragg



Don Bragg has been an active prospector since 1956, working for both major and junior mining companies and has been a self-employed prospector, contractor and camp manager since 1964. Don has been affiliated with AME since 1962 and has been very active, having served on many committees and the Board of Directors. Don was first elected to the Board in 1976.

Don continues to advocate for access to land and for more prospecting schools. Further, Don recognizes the need for more options to help fund grassroots exploration work and strongly supports the important work of educating the public about the value of mining and mineral exploration to their daily lives and to the economy of British Columbia. Don is currently serving on the Land Access & Use, Membership, and Communications & Marketing Committees in addition to the Board of Directors.

President & CEO, Director: Edie Thome



Edie Thome is the President & CEO of AME, a position she has held since June 2017. Edie brings a wealth of experience in government relations, permitting and public affairs as well as on-the-ground experience working with communities and governments on projects in the resource sector. Through her work, she is familiar with advocacy efforts at both the provincial and federal levels and how the legislative and regulatory framework can support or hinder productive, responsible resource development within British Columbia and Canada.

Most recently, Edie was the Director – Environment, Permitting and Compliance, Aboriginal Relations and Public Affairs at BC Hydro, responsible for permitting and compliance, Aboriginal relations and public affairs for the Site C Clean Energy Project. Prior to that she worked in risk management, environment, operations and customer service for BC Hydro. Edie has brought to AME a keen understanding of leadership in an industry association, gained through her service from 2013 to 2017 as Chair of the Board of the Canadian Hydropower Association.

Director: Jill Pardoe



Jill Pardoe is a Professional Geologist with extensive mining background, encompassing more than 30 years working for industry and the Provincial government.

Initially starting as a cook and field technician in 1981, she was inspired to pursue a geology career. On completion of her B.Sc. at the University of Saskatchewan, Jill moved to Smithers. Working domestically and abroad, she’s engaged in a full spectrum of mining activities: from grassroots exploration, through early and late stage property evaluation, to expansion of ore reserves at surface and underground mines.

In 1995, Jill joined the Ministry of Energy and Mines and worked extensively on Land Use Planning. In 2005, she became the Senior Permitting Inspector. As a mine inspector, Jill has been a strong advocate for industry, seeking to improve permitting processes and client communications. Jill left government in 2014, to return to consulting and occasional teaching at the Northwest Community College School of Exploration and Mining in Smithers.

Director: Jill Tsolinas



Jill Tsolinas has a wide breadth of experience having represented exploration, development and operating mines throughout her career. She is versed in executive oversight, organizational management, corporate governance and stakeholder communications. Jill desires to see the continual development and incorporation of innovative best-fit practices to sustain the mineral exploration and mining sector.

Jill is a board member of the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia acting as chair of the ad hoc governance committee (2018) and vice-chair of Roundup (2015) along with being a member of the finance committee and ISR committee. She has been an advisory council member for the Centre of Training Excellence in Mining (CTEM) since 2015. Jill has additional corporate governance experience acting as corporate secretary for a private consulting company and overseeing the establishment of a private junior aggregate company. Jill is executive director of CTEM where she uses her project management and partner engagement skills to facilitate collaborative and innovative training for mining in BC. Jill is passionate about discovering strategic partnerships to strengthen collaboration.

Jill is receiving her MBA from Arden University, United Kingdom in 2019. She has a B.A. in geography and a concentration in sociology with additional certificates in leadership and mining studies.

Director: Jody Shimkus



Jody Shimkus is an experienced leader in environmental policy and regulatory affairs with over 25 years of private and public sector experience. Jody has significant knowledge managing politically sensitive, complex projects that involved high levels of engagement with Indigenous groups, and stakeholders, and a solid understanding of Aboriginal treaty rights and interests.

As a Project Director with the BC Environmental Assessment Office, Jody led the provincial environmental assessment review of the Canada Line Rapid Transit project, the Port Mann/Hwy 1 expansion and the South Fraser Perimeter Road projects pursuant to the Environmental Assessment (EA) Act. Jody also led provincial reviews of major mine projects that triggered both the BC EA Act and the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012* (CEAA 2012).

Jody was an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ministry of the Environment, Ministry of Natural Resource Operations and the Ministry of Mines and has a deep and sophisticated understanding of environmentally sensitive projects in BC.

As the Vice President for HD Mining, Jody directed a team of environmental and engineering consultants in the review of the Murray River Coal project, which was certified under the BC EA Act

and CEAA 2012 and permitted under the BC Mines Act and Environmental Management Act. Jody has worked in the Yukon and BC and sits on the Board of the Mining Association of Canada and the Mining Association of BC. She has a BA in Political Science from the University of Winnipeg and MPA from the University of Manitoba.

Director: Justin Himmelright



Mr. Himmelright has over 25 years of experience in environmental management and developing social licence for natural resource projects. He’s a graduate of Simon Fraser University (B.Sc.) and the University of British Columbia (M. Eng.) and is a Registered Professional Biologist in BC. Mr. Himmelright previously served as Vice President responsible for sustainability matters for several publicly listed companies and has also worked as a consultant to Indigenous communities on mining proposals within their Territories and with non-profit organizations. He’s a former Board member of the Yukon Mine Training Association and the Autism Society of BC and is currently an associate instructor at the Norman Keevil Institute of Mining Engineering (UBC) on the topic of Indigenous peoples and mining in Canada.²

Kendra Johnston, President, Independence Gold Corp

Kendra Johnston is a Professional Geologist and President of Independence Gold Corp., a Vancouver based exploration company. Kendra graduated with a BSc in Earth and Ocean Sciences from the University of Victoria and received her Master’s in Business Administration from the Smith School of Business at Queens University. Kendra has experience in both the technical and business aspects of the industry and has recently completed the Queens International Executive Program in Mining Leadership and a certificate in Corporate Social Responsibility.



Kendra has been an active volunteer throughout her career and was a member of AME’s Roundup Organizing Committee for 14 years. Currently, she Chair of the Board of Directors, and a member of the Executive Committee, the Finance Committee and the Membership Committee, where she has been instrumental in the formation of the new Mentorship Program. Kendra is also an Elected Director of the Yukon Chamber of Mines, AME’s Yukon counterpart.

In recent years, Kendra has acted as a mentor to university students in many capacities, notably as the industry representative for the UBC-SEG chapter and as a guest lecturer to various schools.

² from <https://www.skeenaresources.com/corporate/our-team/management>

Director: Kevin O’Callaghan



Kevin O’Callaghan is a partner with Fasken and the Leader of the firm’s Indigenous Law group. He is also the Regional Lead for the Corporate Social Responsibility Law group. Providing strategic advice on Indigenous, regulatory, environmental and other corporate social responsibility issues, Kevin advises clients throughout Western and Northern Canada, and around the world. Kevin provides strategic advice on managing projects through environmental assessment and consultation with Indigenous peoples, including advice on negotiations and agreements. However, if unavoidable conflicts arise during project development, Kevin appears before courts to assist his resource clients on challenges to licenses by local communities including injunctions.

Kevin was counsel for a coalition of businesses in two critical aboriginal cases at the Supreme Court of Canada: first on a leading case on Indigenous consultation and accommodation (*Haida Nation v. British Columbia*); and second, on the leading case on Indigenous title (*Tsilhqot’in Nation v. British Columbia*). His advice on environmental issues is sought-after by clients on a myriad of environmental matters including environmental assessment, off-site migration, ground water contamination, and regulatory offences.

Director: Lana Eagle



Lana Eagle is an Indigenous relations strategist and a social innovator advising companies on how to better engage and work with Indigenous communities and to find a pathway forward through a Reconciliation framework. Her background is in banking, economic development, wealth management and mineral exploration. Lana was a “pioneer” for Aboriginal women in being one of the first to Chair a junior mineral exploration company. She is also an avid volunteer.

Lana joined AME’s Aboriginal Relations Committee (now the Indigenous Relations & Reconciliation Committee) six years ago and served as Chair from 2013-2017. She is a Program Advisory Committee Member for Mining and Mineral Exploration at BCIT and a member of the Canadian Institute of Mining Diversity and Inclusion Program Advisory Committee. Lana also served as Moderator of the Aboriginal Forum at PDAC 2017. She sits on the Advisory Board of SEF Canada, that focuses on community entrepreneurial development in the extractive sector. Lana is a sought-out speaker and lecturer on the topic of “Indigenous Engagement and Reconciliation in Canada”.

Director: Leilah Tate



Leilah Tate is a graduate from UBC and a Professional Geoscientist who has worked in the mineral exploration and mining sector for over 20 years. Leilah’s career as a geologist began in a coal mine in northeast BC followed by exploring for diamonds and gold in the Northwest Territories and Yukon. For the past 13 years she has worked as an independent environmental mining consultant advancing the permitting of several mining projects in BC. Leilah also worked as the Director, Technical Services for AME, which included managing the delivery of

Roundup. Leilah has served on numerous industry committees which have contributed to raising awareness of the importance of mineral exploration in BC. Leilah is very familiar with AME’s advocacy work and believes it plays a critical role in supporting mineral exploration and creating mineral investor certainty in BC.

Past Chair and Director: ‘Lyn Anglin



Dr. ‘Lyn Anglin was most recently the Chief Scientific Officer for Imperial Metals Corporation of Vancouver. She was responsible for overseeing the scientific research functions of Imperial, including monitoring and advising on basic and applied research projects, and providing scientific guidance and public consultations support to the mine on the environmental impact assessment and remediation work at Mount Polley Mine in central BC. She also represented the company on a number of industry association boards. She is a Professional Geologist, registered with Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia and holds a PhD in Geological Sciences.

‘Lyn presently serves as a volunteer on many science and industry-related non-profit boards and advisory councils, including the Board of Science World, the Board of Trustees of the Society of Economic Geologists Foundation, the NSERC Advisory Committee on University-Industry Grants, the Geoscience Committee of the PDAC, the Board of the Mineral Deposits Research Unit at UBC, and Canada Mining Innovation Council advisory committees. She is also a former Chair of the AME Board of Directors and pas President of the Geological Association of Canada.

Director: Michael Buchanan



Michael Buchanan is Director Exploration – North America for Teck Resources Limited and has been serving as an elected Director AME for the last three years as well as serving on the Land Access & Use Committee while leading Teck’s high-quality exploration teams in grassroots and brownfields exploration.

Michael has over 20 years of precious and base metal Exploration experience throughout North and South America and holds a B.Sc. (Hons) in Geology from UBC and M.Sc. in Econ. Geology from University of Tasmania.

Director: Paul Jago



C. Paul Jago is Exploration Manager for British Columbia with Centerra Gold. He is based out of Prince George BC and often works from Mount Milligan mine. In past years, Paul was the Regional Geologist for the Northcentral and Northeast regions of BC with the Ministry of Energy & Mines. Paul is a UBC graduate where he completed studies with the Mineral Deposit Research Unit. Seasonal work for mineral exploration companies in Northcentral BC was followed by several years of near-mine exploration with Freeport-McMoRan in Southwestern U.S. A paper summarizing his Master’s thesis on the Mt. Milligan porphyry gold-copper deposit was published in 2014 by the Society of Economic Geologists. Paul has been with Centerra Gold since mid-2017.

Rob McLeod, President & CEO, IDM Mining Ltd.



Originally from the mining town of Stewart, BC, Rob McLeod, PGeo, is a successful exploration geologist and third generation miner. He has over twenty years of industry experience from grassroots to feasibility-stage projects, with numerous discoveries to his credit. From field geologist to CEO, Rob has extensive experience in British Columbia, Alaska, Yukon, Nunavut and Nevada for companies including: Lac Minerals, Inco, Miramar Mining, Homestake Resources and multiple successful junior companies.

As founder and VP Exploration of Underworld Resources, Rob and his exploration team’s White Gold discovery started the largest staking rush in Yukon since the Klondike Gold Rush. Currently President and CEO of IDM Mining Ltd., Rob is focused on developing a high-grade, underground gold deposit east of his hometown of Stewart at Red Mountain. Rob is active in the BC mining community serving as a Director for the Britannia Mine Museum and is currently on AME’s Executive Committee and Editorial Board for the quarterly Mineral Exploration magazine.

Director: Stephen de Jong



Stephen de Jong holds 10 years experience in the mining industry and is currently the Chairman of Integra Resources, Director of GFG Resources and Founder of VRify, a Vancouver based tech start-up focused on connecting mining companies to the modern-day investor.

Prior to VRify, in 2012 Stephen was appointed CEO of Integra Gold, a Quebec-focused junior exploration company, and proved to be instrumental in raising over \$150 million while growing the business from a \$10 million exploration company through to its \$590 million sale to Eldorado Gold in July 2017.

Stephen’s influence and passion for helping shape the next generation of exploration and mining was demonstrated in his role as co-creator of Integra’s \$1 Million Gold Rush Challenge held in 2016, and as co-host of #DisruptMining 2017, two events focused on accelerating innovation and the adoption of technology across the mining industry.

Stephen was born and raised in BC, has a commerce degree from Royal Roads University and currently lives in Vancouver with his wife and two young daughters.

Director: Steve Robertson



Steve Robertson has nearly three decades experience in exploration and mine operations in British Columbia. In November 2017 Steve joined Sun Metals as President & CEO, from Imperial Metals where he spent the previous 24 years. Steve earned his BSc in geology from University of Alberta in 1989 and the bulk of his career has been spent in exploration.

Steve has always been actively engaged in the mining community. He previously served as director for AME, sat on the Geoscience BC Technical Advisory Committee and was a founding director of the BC Aboriginal Mine Training Association. In 2016 Steve was awarded the E.A. Scholz Award for Excellence in Mine Development for his leadership in development of the Red Chris mine.

Director: Tara Hassan



Tara Hassan has been a mining equity research analyst focused on small to mid-capital explorers, developers and producers in the precious metals space for more than 10 years. She is currently an analyst at Raymond James and has worked at a range of investment dealers from boutique to large banks, with her research being disseminated to global institutional investors. Before entering the financial services industry, Tara worked as a mining engineer for Inco (now Vale) and Placer Dome (now Barrick Gold). At these companies, she held operating, engineering and project-focused roles, working at eight different mines and gaining experience in a wide variety of

underground and open-pit mining situations. Tara is a Professional Engineer (Ontario) and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mining Engineering from Queen’s University in Kingston, Ontario.

Director: Wendell Zerb



Mr. Zerb has over 30 years combined work experience in mining, mineral exploration/development, and capital markets. His technical experience includes senior positions in generative mineral exploration, development, and open pit and underground mining of base and precious metals. In capital markets, Mr. Zerb previously served as Director, Research Analyst, Metals and Mining (Canaccord Genuity Inc.), Vice President of Research and Institutional Sales, and President and CEO of a wholly owned US subsidiary (PI Financial). Most recently, Mr. Zerb was President and CEO of Exeter Resource Corp. Exeter was successfully purchased by Goldcorp Inc. in June 2017. Mr. Zerb is a registered Professional Geologist with the Association of Professional Engineers, and Geoscientists of Alberta (APEGA).

Ex-officio Director: Gavin Dirom-GeoScience BC



Gavin is well known as a trusted professional with an extensive business and government network and industry profile in Canada.

Gavin has over 25 years of experience in the Canadian mineral exploration and mining industry, with a focus on government and stakeholder relations, industry advocacy, not-for-profit association management and governance, public policy development, corporate affairs and project permitting, safety, environmental management and sustainability.

Gavin holds a M.Sc. degree in Environmental Management from Royal Roads University and a B.Sc. in Physical Geography and Environmental Science from the University of Victoria. He is also a registered Professional Agrolgist (P.Ag.) in the Province of British Columbia. His M.Sc. thesis and hydrogeology-related research of the Lynx underground mine on Vancouver Island was undertaken with the Geological Survey of Canada.

By invitation of the BC and Canadian governments, Gavin has represented the mineral exploration and mining industry on a number of domestic and international trade and investment missions.

Gavin continues to serve on a number of academic, industry and government-related committees and boards.

Ex-officio Director: Representative: The Mining Association of BC

Officer and Treasurer: Jessica van den Akker



Ms. van den Akker is the CFO & Vice-President of Finance at Fiore Management & Advisory Corp. Jessica is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CA) with over 11 years' experience in the resource sector. She gained extensive experience through a Canadian audit firm providing reporting and accounting assurance services to publicly traded companies, primarily in natural resources. Ms. Van Den Akker holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Simon Fraser University.