

CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE (FOR MUNICIPALITIES WITH A POPULATION UNDER 100,000) 2024-2025 NOMINEE



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Biography

Kyle Attanasio has served as Chief Administrative Officer for Kenora since October 2020. Prior to joining Kenora, he served as the Director of Corporate Services in the County of St. Paul No. 19 in Alberta. He brings over eleven years of municipal experience working in small rural and urban municipalities.

Kyle has obtained designations as a Certified Local Government Manager (CLGM) and as a Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC). He holds an MA degree in political science from the University of British Columbia and a BA degree in

politics and governance from Toronto Metropolitan University. He participated in Alberta's Municipal Internship Program, Canada's longest, continuous running internship program for post-secondary graduates to gain practical experience and training in municipal government and served as vice-president of the Alberta Municipal Clerks' Association. Outside municipal government, Kyle resides in Kenora with his wife and two daughters. He is a board member for the Lake of the Woods Regional Community Foundation.

Interest to Serve

Since ascending to the CAO role, I am grateful to have experienced several of the wonderful training events, resources, and camaraderie that CAMA has to offer. Through attending the annual conference, accessing many of the valuable toolkits, and by participating in CAMA's Inaugural Executive Leadership Program this year, I have learned so much valuable knowledge that has helped me grow in my role to better serve our team and Council here in Kenora. I was also impressed with CAMA's recent efforts to support and enhance the Executive Assistant profession, which is such an important role for many of us.

There are three key reasons driving my desire to serve our membership on the CAMA board:

- First, I aim to bring a voice from Northern Ontario to the board level. My time in Kenora has taught me plenty about the unique and diverse perspectives in our region and I strongly believe that I could bring some of that perspective to the board table.
- Second, I am extremely committed to workforce development. Strong municipalities need strong CAOs, and we need to support our profession and membership in preparing individuals to step up into CAO and other senior roles. As someone who recently transitioned into a CAO role, it can be an intimidating prospect as a young leader, but really for anyone looking to make the jump. As a board member, I would advocate for additional measures to help grow, support, and prepare the next generation of leaders to take on these big roles in our communities.
- Finally, I am just looking for an opportunity to give back. I have benefited from so many unique experiences such as the Municipal Internship Program in Alberta and was supported by so many colleagues early in my career. I would deeply appreciate the opportunity to contribute to CAMA, advance its strategic goals and give back to this profession that means so much to me.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my application for Board membership.