

**MEMBER-AT-LARGE
CAMA BOARD REPRESENTATIVE
2017-2018 NOMINEE**



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I ask for your support to become a Member at Large on the CAMA Board of Directors. As an active member of CAMA, including participation since 2014 on the CAMA Board Communications Committee, I look forward to contributing at the next level as a member of the Board of Directors.

My vocation for the municipal sector started in 1978 as a student with a strong connection to municipal service ever since. Summer jobs helped me obtain relevant university degrees which led to a nineteen year career with the Province of Ontario. Most of my years were spent with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs but also with the Ministries of Consumer and Commercial Relations, and Natural Resources. It was during on my time with Municipal Affairs, as the Regional Director for Central Ontario, that I became inspired to become a municipal CAO. I made the leap in 2005 and spent 9 years as the CAO for the Township of Scugog in Durham Region. Since August 2014 I have been with the City of Oshawa, serving as the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Interim City Manager. While often trying and challenging, I have found my time as a corporate and community leader extremely rewarding.

I have enjoyed meeting and networking with CAMA members across the country and it is my desire to play a more direct role in assisting the association move forward. In addition to a strong passion for the profession, I bring creativity and strong board governance experience to the post, supported by high ethical standards and integrity; strategic thinking; tact and diplomacy; sound judgment; and strong communication and interpersonal skills.

As a member of the Board for the Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA) from 2007 – 2015 and President for the 2013/14 term, I developed skills in leading a group of leaders; ensuring that membership dues are used effectively and efficiently; monitoring, evaluating and reporting on performance; and building partnerships and fostering relationships with other associations in the support and development of the profession. As a board we worked diligently towards building programs that included member networking and professional development. I would bring my experience to CAMA and continue to build on the high quality programming where innovative and best practices are shared, and excellence is championed.

In addition to a focus on good governance, I have a passion and concern for succession planning in our profession. To this end, I will advocate for opportunities to share our stories with emerging leaders in our organizations and young people making career choices. This builds upon the work of the CAMA Board Communications Committee which has focused on enhanced membership recruitment and the Next Generation Project and my participation on the new OMAA Video Project Committee which has similar goals.

I would be very pleased and thankful to be chosen to be part of the CAMA Board of Directors and look forward to actively support CAMA's goal of the enrichment of the municipal public service and quality of life of our citizens.