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Appointments to the Board of Governors

The Board of Directors of NIDMAR recently announced the following appointments to the Board of Governors of PCU-WHS.

With the announcement of the retirement of long-time Board Member and former Co-Chair, Ken Neumann, the Board was pleased that he has agreed to stay engaged as a non-voting Executive Advisor, providing a wealth of knowledge and experience as the Former Canadian National Director for the United Steelworkers.

Sari Sairanen

The Board is extremely pleased to announce the new Co-Chair is Sari Sairanen, Executive Assistant to the National Secretary-Treasurer of Unifor. Sari has been a Board Member of for the last 10 years.

Unifor is Canada's largest private sector union representing workers in all economic sectors, including transportation, manufacturing, and natural resources. Sari worked as the National Health, Safety and Environment Director for many years and continues to be responsible for protecting worker rights, promoting safe and sustainable work transformations while ensuring the health and safety of workers. She has a passion for meeting people, learning their stories and building relationships in support of lasting, meaningful work adaptations for workers today and tomorrow. Sari comes to the National union from the Airline division, which represents members from coast to coast to coast in Canada.

Sari commented, "For the past 30 years, the collective vision and actions of the Board has campaigned for real, lasting progress for people with disabilities. It is this shared purpose that drives the momentum for inclusive workplaces and communities. I'm pleased and honoured to continue this work."

Scott Lunny

NIDMAR is also very pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Lunny, Director, District 3 for the United Steelworkers (USW). Scott replaces long-time Board Member and Co-Chair, Ken Neumann as Steelworker representative on the Board.

Starting his career in the IWA which, over 30 years ago, was Canada's major forest industry union, gave Scott a first-hand, in-depth understanding and knowledge of the many challenges facing injured and disabled workers unable to continue in their roles because of an accident in a highly dangerous industry.

Scott has a degree in industrial relations from UBC and he attended the Harvard University Trade Union Program. Having begun his career with the IWA as a national staff rep, researcher and communications officer, he was actively involved in the planning and implementation of the merger with the United Steelworkers. At the USW he was a staff rep working with the USW Wood Council on forest policy issues, and coordinating numerous legislative and political campaigns prior to becoming Director of District 3, which is the largest geographic district covering Canada's four western provinces and its three northern territories.

Scott said, "I am honoured and excited to join the Board of Governors of PCU-WHS. Having seen the great work that has been accomplished over the years, always focused on keeping injured workers employed through workplace disability management programs, and then building and expanding a culture of disability management through research and education, both nationally and internationally. I am humbled to join the skilled and dedicated Board members and staff, and I look forward to contributing to this important work."

Bert Blundon

The Board is also very pleased to announce the appointment of Bert Blundon, President of the National Union of Public and General Employees (NUPGE) which includes 425,000 members from across the country. He was elected President of the National Union in 2022 and was recently re-elected for a three-year term.

Prior to becoming President, Bert served as NUPGE's Secretary-Treasurer, but he began his career at the Newfoundland and Labrador Association of Public and Private Employees. His



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tenure included roles such as Employee Relations Officer and member of the NUPGE National Executive Board. Known for his expertise in negotiation and political skills, he has negotiated critical agreements for workers. In 2023, Bert was appointed to the Union-Led Advisory Table set up to provide recommendations to the federal government on supporting workers impacted by economic change.

His international advocacy through Public Services International and NUPGE includes support for trade unionists in Colombia, women in Ecuador, and peace efforts in Gaza and Ukraine. Bert also serves as Chairperson of the Board of Directors for Provident110, overseeing the administration and investments for the NL Public Service Pension Plan.

Commenting on his appointment, Bert said, "I am deeply honoured to be appointed to the Board of PCU-WHS. I look forward to working alongside the exceptional leaders already serving on the Board, and to contributing meaningfully to the critical mission of PCU-WHS."

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