

Four New Community Directors Join OBSI's Board

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OBSI's Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of four new community directors following the recent annual general meeting held on February 29, 2016 in Toronto. The four directors come from across Canada, bringing a diversity of skills and experience from both the public and private sectors.

"On behalf of the board, I extend a warm welcome to these four new community directors," said Fernand Bélisle, OBSI Chair. "These individuals bring a wealth of talent and I am encouraged by their enthusiasm for OBSI's mandate, helping to resolve financial disputes between Canadians and their banks and investment firms."

- **Catherine Adams, MBA** is a retired financial services executive with over thirty years' experience in business strategy, product management, marketing, distribution and finance. Her executive roles have been both domestic and international with her last role based in Trinidad. Ms. Adams has served on both private sector and community based boards.
- **Carmela Haines, CPA, CA** is the Vice-President, Finance & Administration with Access Communications Co-operative Limited. She has served as a board member, audit committee chair and board chair for the Regina & District Food Bank. Ms. Haines has also served as council member and audit committee chair for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Saskatchewan. She is currently an audit committee member of the Canadian Cable Systems Alliance.
- **Bharat Mahajan, CPA, CA** is Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer of Aveda Transportation and Energy Services Inc. Prior to joining Aveda, Mr. Mahajan was the Chief Executive Officer of NavNet Inc., a private company that designs, develops and manufactures home automation solutions. He was also Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer for WellPoint Systems Inc., a company specializing in software for the oil and gas industry, and Vice-President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer for Norex Exploration Services Inc., a seismic exploration company.
- **Laura Tamblyn Watts, LL.B** is a lawyer and researcher who focuses on elder law, law reform and social inclusion. She is Senior Fellow at the Canadian Centre for Elder Law and its past National Director. She teaches at the University of Toronto, where she is a Fellow of the Institute for Life Course and Aging. Ms. Tamblyn Watts has broad expertise in the fields of law, finance, strategic development and capacity-building. She is a past member of OBSI's Consumer and Investor Advisory Council.

The new community directors replace Adrian Burns, Angela Ferrante, Ian Lightstone, and Louise Martel, who have retired following the successful completion of their terms. The board extends its sincere gratitude to the outgoing community directors for their dedication, guidance, and commitment. OBSI is a stronger organization because of their contributions over the years.

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