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# MIABC BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

SUMMER 2017



Marg Spina (centre) collaborates with fellow Board Members at a strategic planning workshop.

## Farewell and Thank You to Marg Spina

The MIABC extends a warm thank you to Marg Spina, who is stepping down from her position on the Board. Ms. Spina has made valuable contributions to our organization during her tenure, bringing great ideas and enthusiasm to her role as a Board Member. She has been extremely supportive of staff and overall has acted as a true ambassador for the organization.

## Dynamic Capital Adequacy Testing

Last year, the MIABC retained Axxima Actuarial and Insurance Management Consultants to conduct Dynamic Capital Adequacy Testing (DCAT). This is a requirement of the MIABC's regulator. The purpose of DCAT is to subject an insurer to modeled stress tests under prescribed scenarios in order to ascertain its vulnerability to a series of adverse developments. Axxima concluded that the future financial condition of the MIABC is satisfactory. The Board was pleased with the results of the test, which indicate the MIABC is financially secure.

## ERM Risk Rating Framework

As part of its Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program, the MIABC has developed a Risk Rating Framework to assist management and staff in ranking and prioritizing risk. The Risk Rating Framework involves a three-step process:

1. Rate the likelihood of the risk;
2. Rate the impact of the risk; and
3. Plot the risk priority on a heat map.

Maryam Sherkat, the MIABC's Risk Officer, anticipates that this tool will make the MIABC's ERM program more efficient and meaningful, eventually freeing up resources for higher level tasks.

## Changes to the Liability Protection Agreement

The MIABC continually reviews the *Liability Protection Agreement* to ensure that members receive the best possible insurance coverage. Often, changes are made in response to questions, complaints, or inquiries from members. The Board considered three proposed expansions of coverage at its June meeting including:

- Water penetration coverage;
- Directors & officers liability coverage; and
- Coverage for drones/unmanned aerial vehicles.

The Board voted that these changes be put to the members for a vote at the MIABC's Annual General Meeting in September.

## Dividends

The Board voted to declare dividends of over \$700,000 this year. The MIABC will distribute the dividends by way of a credit applied to members' 2018 renewal invoices in the fall.

## New Board Criteria

In order to sit on the MIABC's Board of Directors, candidates must satisfy a number of minimum qualifications that are set out in article 3.04 of the *Reciprocal Insurance Exchange Agreement*. In response to a requirement from the MIABC's regulator, the Financial Institutions Commission, the Board has voted to add suitability criteria requiring new Board members to have at least one of the following:

- a) at least 2 years' experience in accounting, finance, or local government purchasing;
- b) at least 2 years' experience in the insurance industry;
- c) at least 2 years' experience with local government risk management or an enterprise risk management program; and/or
- d) at least 2 years' governance experience in a regulated or publicly traded entity.

This change will be put to the members for a vote at the MIABC's Annual General Meeting.

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## BOARD MEMBER PROFILES

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In this section of Board Meeting Highlights, we turn the spotlight on the individuals who serve on the MIABC's Board.



**PAUL GILL**

General Manager, Corporate and Financial Services  
City of Maple Ridge

Paul Gill has been a member of the MIABC's Board of Directors since 2012. A Certified Professional Accountant with many years of experience in financial management, Mr. Gill lends his considerable business knowledge to the Board's Finance/Audit Committee. He is also the Chairperson of the Governance Committee.

Mr. Gill has worked with the City of Maple Ridge (the "City") for nearly 30 years. In his present role, he is responsible for overseeing the Finance Department, Information Services, the Municipal Clerk's Office, the Fire Department, and Police Services. His responsibilities include business planning, property management, insurance, and risk management.

Prior to joining the City, Mr. Gill worked with a major Canadian bank. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration as well as the Fellow in Risk Management designation.

Mr. Gill has called Maple Ridge home for over three decades. Over the years, he has volunteered his time with community football, the Youth Centre Society, and the Child Development Centre. He and his wife, Luella, are proud parents to two sons.



**STEFFAN KLASSEN**

Director of Finance and Corporate Services  
Town of Creston

Steffan Klassen joined the MIABC's Board of Directors in 2014. As the Town of Creston's (the "Town's") Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Mr. Klassen was first introduced to the MIABC in his role as the Town's member contact. He now appreciates the opportunity to serve the MIABC's members as a Board Member. He sits on the Finance/Audit Committee and the Claims Committee.

Mr. Klassen is a Chartered Professional Accountant. As Director of Finance and Corporate Services, he is responsible for budgeting, accounting, reporting, treasury, and taxation for the Town. He also manages information technology, the RCMP contract, corporate administrative functions, insurance, and claims.

Prior to joining the Town, Mr. Klassen gained many years' experience in the field of finance, first as an auditor and tax specialist for KPMG in New Westminster, then as a controller with Columbia Brewery in Creston. Mr. Klassen holds a Bachelor's Degree in Management.

Mr. Klassen and his wife, Cherine, have lived in Creston for 17 years. They keep busy with a small acreage and two children, aged 9 and 13.