

## CHES Maritime Chapter Conference 2017 – Speaker biographies

### **Bill Carr - Keynote**



Bill Carr is an actor, award winning satirist, writer, speaker and coach. For over twenty five years, Bill has been making people laugh at what's trivial while helping them think deeply about what counts. Bill helps people see their world in new and exciting ways. His unique blend of humour and insight inspires laughter and consideration.

### **Kate Butler, P.Eng., LEED® AP**

Kate is Energy Manager with Service New Brunswick's Health Services division and has been supporting the Regional Health Authorities in New Brunswick since 2013. Through this role, she has overseen and supported the integration of the Energy Management Program for the Horizon Energy Network. Kate has experience in managing strategic opportunities for continual improvement and stakeholder engagement with a passion for energy management and green buildings especially pertaining to healthcare facilities. Prior to joining Service New Brunswick, Kate was the Director of Program Delivery at Efficiency NB. During her time there she led a number of significant energy initiatives and programs in order to advance the energy efficiency and conservation within the commercial and residential sectors of New Brunswick. Kate has a Bachelor of Science in Engineering, and is a registered Professional Engineer with APEGNB and a LEED® Accredited Professional.

### **Andy Straisfeld**

Sales Representative Eastern Ontario and Atlantic  
Halyard Health formally Kimberly-Clark

Andy has a successful track record in the service and book publishing industry prior to start in the medical device industry in 2004. With more than 10 years of experience in the medical device sales environment, he has developed the type of skills that are particularly effective at satisfying customers, increasing revenues and reducing costs. Andy has proven experiences in building professional relationships and developing successful strategies, his passion is in the realm of recycling and fundraising. He has been a director on the board at MEDEC and currently is the vendor representative for the MDRAO.

### **Daniel Constant**

Dan is a recognized solution provider for the Post Commercial, Industrial and Consumer recycling markets, known for producing results with challenged materials and programs. Dan has created valuable relationships with plastic compounders, re-processors, molders, distribution warehouses, charitable organizations and recycling companies that have a firm hold on the processing, manufacturing and distribution of plastic products globally. Dan's tenor with recycling initiatives has spanned over 15 years, with a vast knowledge in polypropylene plastics. Dan has worked for Sundance Products and Avangard Innovative, two large companies and contributors to recycling efforts globally. Dan has experience providing recycling services with Halyard Health formally Kimberly-Clark during his tenor with both Sundance and Avangard. This service and relationship over a period of 10 years has provided Dan valuable understanding of the healthcare industry and more specifically Halyard Health's nonwoven plastics, processing techniques and markets that make these materials highly recyclable. A major part of understanding the recycling industry is a continued knowledge of plastics and applications. Dan has conducted research and served on task groups that have re-shaped the recycling industry. These organizations include; Society of Plastic Engineers, Association of Post Consumer Recycling, Practice Greenhealth, Keep Texas Beautiful, Association of Grocers, Sustainable Furniture Council and Halyard Health's KIMGUARD\* Blue Wrap task force. In 2008, Dan was introduced to the KIMGUARD\* Blue Wrap recycling program and to date, Dan has visited and engaged more than 1000 hospitals discussing potential programs to make this material more sustainable. To date, Dan's leadership has supported more than 600 hospitals with establishing a focused footprint for recycling KIMGUARD\* wrap, as well as other plastics.

### **Robert Barss CET CHFM CCHFM – NSHA**

Robert is currently Manager of Environmental Stewardship with the Nova Scotia Health Authority and is based out of Bridgewater in the South Shore area. Robert is a Certified Engineering Technician and hold trade certifications in the marine, industrial, and construction electrical field. He has achieved the professional designations of Canadian Certified Healthcare Facilities Manager (CCHFM), through the Canadian Healthcare Engineering Society and Certified Healthcare Facility Manager (CHFM), through the American Hospital Association and the American Society of Healthcare Engineers. Prior to joining the South Shore District Health Authority in 2003 he was a senior supervisor with the Engineering and Maintenance department of Highliner Foods. Robert has held the positions of secretary and treasurer with the CHES Board of Directors and was Chair of the Maritime Chapter. He sits on several CHES committees as well as the chair of the Advisory Panel overseeing the certification program for CCHFM.

### **Derwin R. Swinemar - Deputy Fire Marshal, Public Education Nova Scotia**

Employed with the Province of Nova Scotia 22 years

13 years with the Department of Justice, Correctional Services

9 years Nova Scotia Office of the Fire Marshal

Level I Fire Inspector, (FIANS) Fire Inspectors of Nova Scotia

Certified Fire and Explosion investigator NFPA 1033

Certified Public Educator Ontario Fire College, Gravenhurst Ontario NFPA 1035

Active within the Volunteer fire service in Nova Scotia for 35 years and retired as a chief fire officer.

### **Suzanne Rhodenizer Rose RN BScN MHS CIC**

Suzanne is currently the new Provincial Director of Medical Device Reprocessing at the Nova Scotia Health Authority, following a yearlong position as Health Services Manager at the NSHA for the infection prevention & control program in the western and central zones of the province. Prior to transitioning to the health authority, she held various roles within the Department of Health & Wellness (DHW), including, Acting Executive Director, Health System Quality and Director, Health System Quality and Infection Prevention and Control Nova Scotia. Before joining DHW, she held infection control and nursing leadership roles with South Shore Health. She has published articles on infection prevention and control in multiple publications and has contributed at various national and international infection control symposiums. Her academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from St. F.X. and a Master of Health Studies from Athabasca University. She is also the President for IPAC Canada.

### **Jeff Young, CHPA, CPP Vice President Paladin Security**

Jeff Young is the Vice President of Paladin Security. In this senior role, Jeff has general oversight for the management and program development of healthcare programs across the organization as well as high level project engagement outside the healthcare realm.

Previous to joining Paladin, Jeff was the executive lead for one of the largest scope healthcare protection programs in North America. Combined, the organizations represent an operating budget of over \$7B+ and comprise over 65,000 staff who service a population of 3+ million people through its 28 acute/primary care hospitals, 44 residential care facilities and over 500 other community care sites serving the health needs of the lower mainland British Columbia, Canada and specialized health needs for the Province. Integrated Protection Services (IPS) consists of two main streams: protection/security & heliport operations and parking, access & commuter services represented by 550 IPS team members with an overall operating budget of \$35M+ with offsetting revenues of \$17M+. Jeff and his team were recognized by the Health Employers Association as the Golden Apple Award recipient for top workplace health innovation for 2016 and presented the program, which focused on reducing ED violence, at the 2016 world conference for violence in the health sector in Ireland. In addition, Jeff has been recognized by Security Magazine as “Most Influential People in Security 2016” and a Top 500 Security Leader worldwide for 2013, 2014 & 2015 and in 2015 won the CSO50 Security Confab award. In 2016, Jeff was elected President of the International Association for Healthcare Security & Safety (IAHSS), responsible for overall leadership and direction of association staff, elected Board and governance of the ~2,200-member international association. In addition to a University education in Criminal Justice, Jeff also holds the Certified Healthcare Protection Administrator (CHPA) designation along with being a Board-Certified Protection Professional (CPP).

### **Deni Antonecchia**

Deni Antonecchia is a mechanical engineer and has been involved in the laboratory market since 2005. With significant experience in critical air applications and lab HVAC systems, his expertise now includes lab environment functionality, specifically with regards to fume hoods and casework. Having obtained his Engineering degree from Concordia University as well as a graduate diploma in Management from McGill University, Deni leads the Canadian Labs Solution Division of Preston Phipps Inc. Deni has been involved in several high-profile lab projects across Canada and is an active member of Sustainable Labs Canada, particularly with his role as an administrator for the Montreal Chapter.

**Aboubakeur Bensikhelifa**

Aboubakeur has been employed at Stantec since March 2010. He is an expert in commissioning with 15 year's experience, and has served as Commissioning Agent for several projects, including a number of LEED-certified projects. His experience has led him to develop an expertise in the management and performance of new construction commissioning and existing building commissioning, as well as in the optimization of operational sequences for various electromechanical systems. With a Bachelor's degree in Building Mechanics, Aboubakeur also has extensive knowledge and experience in the balancing, design and control systems for ventilation, plumbing (industrial and commercial buildings), heating, air conditioning and refrigeration systems. Aboubakeur is a board member of the Canada East Chapter of the Building Commissioning Association (BCA), whose mission is to improve the commissioning process by developing technical standards and awareness among stakeholders of the construction industry. In addition, Aboubakeur served as Project Manager at Pratt & Whitney Canada on behalf of Hydraulic R&O, a major contractor specializing in balancing. Aboubakeur is a Recommissioning Accredited Professional and a Certified LEED Professional of the U.S. Green Buildings Council (USGBC). Furthermore, he is a Certified Building Commissioning Professional (CBCP) delivered by the Association of Energy Engineers (AEE).

**Chris Russell**

Chris graduated from the University of New Brunswick in 2011 with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is a LEED Accredited Professional in Building Design and Construction (LEED AP BD+C) and a Project Management Professional (PMP). Since graduating, Chris has been with Stantec and is currently leading the Halifax Sustainable Buildings Services Team. This team is responsible for providing Building Energy, Sustainability and Commissioning Services for many building types throughout Atlantic Canada. During Chris's time with Stantec, he has led roughly 35 projects and supported many other large and small-scale commercial and institutional projects in Atlantic Canada. He has refined Stantec's commissioning processes to be more transparent and clear, with the goal of making commissioning easier for all parties involved. Chris's goal is to increase the value of commissioning, while reducing project schedule/cost burden. He feels this is done with the help of new advanced commissioning technologies and clear/transparent communication.