



BETHANY THORNE-DYKSTRA for NBLA Vice-President Policy

Bethany Thorne-Dykstra is a business owner with her husband Reint and 3 sons, and secretary treasurer of 4 agricultural companies (3 dairy farms, 1 parent) living in the Maple Hills area, 5-minutes from Moncton. With a Bachelor of Education from the University of New Brunswick, Advanced Agricultural Leadership Certificate, Accounting Course, French Immersion and Computers from the University of Moncton and a passion for life-long learning; Bethany has gained a multitude of experience from 43 years of self-employment, supply teaching and tutoring students to active involvement in a diverse number of non-profit organizations regarding Education, Business, Women's issues, Poverty, Energy, Natural Resources, and Politics.

Bethany is experienced in every role of Board governance from founding organizations such as the Community Caring Network Helpline (5 communities), Voice of Real Poverty Inc. and the Greater Petitcodiac Women's Liberals Association, to developing and reviewing Constitutions in the Agricultural Alliance of New Brunswick and Greater Moncton Business & Professional Women's Club (Club Parliamentarian); to President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director.

Bethany has been called on for her skill as a policy developer in Home and School, Business & Professional Women's Club, Agriculture Alliance of New Brunswick, Moncton Milk Committee, Small & Rural Charities Panel (CRA-Ottawa), Provincial & Federal Liberal Conventions, New Brunswick Women's Liberals Commission, and most recently as NBLA Vice-President Policy chairing the NBLA Policy Committee consisting of regional members and the Commissions. Bethany has debated policy as far away as Minneapolis, Minnesota, when selected by the Canadian Embassy to represent Canadian Agricultural Women, and women's issues in New York, New York at the United Nations.

Bethany has been a member of the New Brunswick Liberal Party for 23 years, serving as a Provincial Candidate, NBLA Green Lighting Committee for the Leadership election, NBLA Executive, Board, Biennial Planning Committee, Riding Campaign Manager, Official Agent,

Official Representative, Riding President, Policy Director of the New Brunswick Women's Liberals Commission and currently President of the Tony Barry Fund Board.

Over the last two years, as NBLA Vice-President Policy, Bethany and the Policy Committee has been tasked with revising the NBLA Constitution, developing policy around the issues of the economy and affordability for New Brunswickers, offered membership discussions on various government public consultations, and engaged with the membership at 10 regional Liberal Community Connections meetings throughout the province explaining the NBLA structure, meet with provincial, regional, riding and Commission leaders and volunteers and hear the members issues. Bethany also developed a model Commission Constitution and Chapters Constitution and has been a resource to the 5 Commissions.

"I have considered it a privilege to be elected by the membership to serve as NBLA Vice-President Policy for the last two years and have enjoyed meeting, and working with, so many incredible fellow members throughout the province. With improved communications and working together in unity with our Leader and Premier Susan Holt, her team, and President Carley Parish, we will strengthen our Party to be ready for the next election with a strong vision and plan to advance New Brunswick in prosperity. I would appreciate your vote of support to be able to serve another two years to help make this happen." *Bethany*