



I was asked recently why I was standing for NBLA's VP policy.

Very simply, I believe in giving back.

During my years as a Public Servant I had the opportunity to serve two provincial governments and the Government of Canada. The 33 years I spent in policy and program development gave me a rich and fulfilling career. I've had the honour of representing the interests of the Atlantic region and my province of New Brunswick within the federal system with as NRCan's Atlantic Regional Liaison. I've also represented Canada both as a Vice Consul in Birmingham, England & at business and government events around the globe including the UN FAO aquaculture consultation in Thailand.

I believe I can give back by sharing the knowledge and skills attained through that public service.

My Liberal ties began with my father who, when I was a young child, brought Liberal values into our home. He was campaign manager for our local Liberal MP.

While completing my BSc at Memorial University of Newfoundland, I was a member the MUN Student Liberals & worked on Liberal Leadership campaign for the Alex Hickman through the epic battle for leadership between Joey and John Crosbie, (Joey's then Finance Minister). It was a baptism of fire!

I'm now a board member and former Secretary for Rothesay Liberal Association & serve on NBLA's policy Committee.

During the last provincial election campaign, I worked on Minister Townsend's campaign & as Director of Communication for Brian Stephenson in Fundy - River Valley.

Developing and implementing strategies to promote foreign direct investment, external trade, and supply chain development in defence, energy, and aquaculture have given

me an understanding of the role of central agencies and line departments in the development of public policy, the briefing of government ministers and, Cabinet approval processes.

With NRCan, I was senior advisor to the Atlantic Energy Round Table (AER) and developed the Rothesay Energy Dialogue, an international forum for senior officials responsible for energy policy development, to exchange views with industry leaders and policy experts.

The Atlantic Energy Round Table brought together Federal and Provincial Ministers with energy industry leaders to examine policy and regulatory issues affecting industry.

Three decades of experience in policy development; issue management and public outreach; Trade and Investment; and skills in project evaluation, management, and monitoring as well as a proven record of providing advice to governments and industry on economic, business, fiscal and regulatory policy issues is a good background for the Position of VP Policy, NBLA.

I hope I can earn your trust and support on October 3rd.

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