

2024 ESAA Board Election

Candidate Biographies



Sylvain Bordenave

Partner and Principal Risk Assessor
Trace Associates

Dr. Sylvain Bordenave is a professional biologist with more than 15 years of experience in environmental sciences in academia and industry. As a scientist and outdoor enthusiast, Sylvain has been interested in environmental sciences since his university years. After hearing about two major oil tanker accidents impacting the coast of France in the late 90s and early 2000s, Sylvain decided to focus his

education and career on environmental challenges and managing our impacts on the environment.

At Trace Associates Inc. (Trace), Sylvain provides senior technical guidance for complex projects, leads the remediation and risk practice, and mentors and trains staff.

Sylvain's first presentation at an ESAA conference goes back to RemTech Banff in 2015, and he has since participated in multiple events, including as a moderator and panel discussion organizer. As a Board Member, Sylvain is looking forward to increasing his support to the Canadian environmental industry and giving back to the community by helping ESAA continue to provide meaningful support to its members. As a partner at Trace, Sylvain is directly connected with the environmental business, and understands the challenges and the needs of the environmental industry. His role as a practice area lead and principal risk assessor in a growing company illustrates his capacity to foster change and innovation within a team, implement new ideas, and collaborate with other new and growing practices.

Outside of work, Sylvain enjoys spending time in the beautiful Rocky Mountains with his wife and three kids, with friends, or for some solo adventures.



Louise Burden

Director
Ashwell Consulting

Louise has over 25 years of experience as an environmental consultant within Canada, Ireland and the UK, specializing in the assessment and management of contaminated sites. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Geology from Imperial College, London UK in 1998 and returned to school in 2005 to earn a Master's degree in Hydrogeology from the University of Birmingham, UK.

Louise's career began at a small geotechnical and environmental consulting firm and progressed through a number of international environmental and engineering consultancy's where she took on management and leadership roles. Groundwater risk assessment for waste management facilities led to human health risk assessment for contaminated sites that ranged from the birthplace of the industrial revolution to the former Chelsea Military Barracks in London. After working for two years in the Republic of Ireland, Louise moved to Canada in 2009 and joined Worley Consulting (formerly Worley Parsons Komex and Advisian). In 2017 Louise started Ashwell Consulting and provides services as an independent consultant.

Louise is now a Canadian citizen and settled in Cochrane Alberta. Her volunteer activities have included Big Brothers Big Sisters and Science Fair judge. She believes that education, training, community and mentorship are the keys to personal and professional growth. Louise has been an active supporter and participant in ESAA activities over the years.



Thomas Fleming
Sector Lead
Veritas Environmental Laboratory

Thomas Flemming is an environmental professional with extensive experience and Master's degrees in Business Administration and Science, specializing in renewable resources. In my current role as Sector Lead at Bureau Veritas Environmental Laboratory, I oversee Water, Waste Water, and Government, as well as Site Assessment & Remediation projects. My focus has been on integrating environmental considerations into financial decision-making processes, particularly in risk assessment and environmental consulting. Throughout my career, I have monitored construction and environmental protection plan compliance, conducted technical environmental report reviews, and ensured regulatory adherence. I possess a strong ability to interpret complex data to identify environmental risks and provide strategic recommendations for risk management and mitigation.

My interpersonal and communication skills have facilitated successful collaborations with stakeholders and clients in the environmental and social sectors. I am eager to contribute to the ESAA board's strategic priorities and hope to have the opportunity to serve on your behalf.



Danielle Hutson
Business Development Manager
Element Materials Technology

Danielle Hutson is an environmental advocate with a strong commitment to sustainability and conservation. With a background in environmental science, business development and communications, Danielle brings a wealth of experience and a fresh perspective to her potential role as a Board Member of Environmental Services Association of Alberta.

Danielle holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Studies from Concordia University in Edmonton, where she focused on natural alternatives to harmful chemical usage in the marine industry. Over the past 23 years, she has worked in various capacities within the industrial and environmental sector, beginning her career in the Canadian Armed Forces.

As a business development manager, Danielle has developed close ties with industry stakeholders and has a keen understanding of operational interests and challenges arising within the environmental sector. Danielle is dedicated to making a positive impact on the environment and her community. She volunteers her time with people with developmental disabilities, and advocates for sustainable practices in her personal and professional life. She brings a unique blend of strategic thinking and passion for environmental advocacy that raises awareness, promotes conversation, and inspires action. She envisions a future where Canada leads the world in environmental stewardship and sustainable development.



Myke Stercl

Team Lead for the Liability Management and Decommissioning Restoration
Worley Consulting

Myke Stercl is the Team Lead for the Liability Management and Decommissioning Restoration service line at Worley Consulting and has over 19 years of experience in the environmental industry. He holds a Diploma in Environmental Engineering Technology from SIAST in Saskatchewan and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Management from Lakeland College. He is an engaged, proactive and innovative environmental consultant with countless hours in the field on various upstream and downstream oil and gas facilities.

Over the past four years at Worley Myke has not only taken on the role of Team Lead but also manages the equipment warehouses across Western Canada, using his experience in the field to provide technical and practical solutions and is relied upon for his strategic and forward-thinking approach to environmental assessment and management. He is known to be a tireless advocate for his team and colleagues, and excels at collaboration and team building. When Myke is not focusing on work at Worley he enjoys spending time with his family, camping, working on the never ending list of projects in the garage and being outside.



Lincoln Weller

Associate, Project Manager
Stantec

Lincoln Weller is professional geoscientist with over 17 years of environmental consulting experience. Lincoln obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Geology from Acadia University in Wolfville, Nova Scotia in 2005. He started his career conducting gravity surveys then joined Jacques Whitford (now Stantec) in their geotechnical team. After a couple years, he migrated over to the environmental team where he remains today.

Lincoln is an Associate, Project Manager, and Environmental Geologist with the Site Investigation and Remediation (SIR) team at Stantec. He is responsible for the planning, management, and execution of Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments, remedial excavations, risk management plans, physical and contaminant hydrogeological assessments, and annual groundwater programs on sites that span all sectors (i.e., commercial, municipal, brownfield, oil and gas, mining, federal, community development, and transportation). Lincoln is also the Alberta Sector Representative for commercial and insurance clients and connects with new and existing clients to understand and offer up solutions for their projects.

Lincoln has previously served as a team lead for the SIR team and was responsible for the career development and resourcing of over a dozen team members. Today he continues to provide mentorship to junior and intermediate level staff and is passionate about teaching and encouraging them to embrace new initiatives to drive their careers.

Throughout his career, Lincoln has developed a strong network of support to deliver projects and is quick to work together with other Stantec disciplines to meet or exceed client expectations. This collaborative approach has given Lincoln a good knowledge of the diversity within the environmental consulting industry in western Canada, consistently providing innovative ideas to solve complex problems for clients. Lincoln lives in Calgary, Alberta and enjoys spending his free time hiking, rock climbing, and canoeing.