



CANADIAN REGISTRATION BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL HYGIENISTS

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July 2021 – Message from the President

Hello All,

Firstly, I would like to introduce myself; I am Sarah McCurdy, ROHT Western Canada Director and the current President of the CRBOH. This is my third-year volunteering with this organization, and it has been a great experience thus far. I have been in the field of occupational hygiene just over 11 years now, with a focus in oil & gas, construction and now most recently in the rail-transportation sector as the Fatigue Management & Occupational Hygiene Specialist for Canadian Pacific, headquartered in Calgary, Alberta.

Our past year has been challenging with the restraints we have been given; however, the board persevered. Please join me in thanking our Past President Marc-Andre Lavoie who was a passionate leader and provided optimistic direction and influence on the board. I personally admire Marc-Andre's enthusiasm for occupational hygiene and his drive to cultivate the future of the CRBOH.

As the incoming President, I am looking forward to another two years on the board to work with the dedicated professionals we have serving the Board. Please join me in welcoming our incoming board members Alex Mercer, ROH Western & Central and Suzanne Wilde, ROH Ontario. Alex and Suzanne add to our existing board members Marc-Andre Lavoie (Quebec ROH, Past President), Lucie Marcotte (Quebec ROH, Vice President), Spencer Matthes (Central & Western ROH), Letty Wong (Ontario ROH), Roberto Sgrosso (Atlantic Provinces, ROH), and Matthew Brewer (Eastern ROHT). Of course, our organization would be no where without the support from our Registrar, Liz Krivonosov, ROH and our Secretariat, Leah McCormick. We have another challenging year ahead as we navigate the challenges that COVID has brought to our organization.

This past year we shifted our priorities and organized 4 key subgroups to focus on our examination process, communication & promotions, the future of the profession and our maintenance committee. As we move forward into the end of 2021 and beginning of 2022, we are continuing to focus on the same priorities and build upon the progress that we have made. This year, we were able to bring something new to the CRBOH, which was a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with two similar organizations. Firstly, with the Women in Occupational Health and Safety Society (WOHSS) and secondly with the Board of Canadian Registered Safety Professionals (BCRSP). These two strategic partnerships are a collaboration to improve the health and safety in workplaces and to encourage individuals working in OHS to pursue advancement of their career through certification, mentorship, and life-long learning.

"BCRSP and CRBOH will publicly endorse each others' certifications and promote recognition that the BCRSP and CRBOH certifications are designed to elevate professional standards and distinguish those who meet a formal education requirement and ongoing practical experience that are essential for the effective practice of occupational health and safety, and occupational hygiene, respectively." – MOU BCRSP & CRBOH <https://www.bcrsp.ca/newsroom/bcrsp-signs-agreement-crboh>

I am honoured to have been elected as in-coming president and look forward to the challenges ahead, hope to see some of you face to face in 2022!

Thank you.

Sarah McCurdy, ROHT

President, CRBOH