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Education

- 1990 M.Sc. (Education) - Simon Fraser University
 - Thesis: Science/Gender/ Schooling: Why Don't Women Participate in Physics?
- 1978 Teacher Training - (Physics, Mathematics, General Science)
University of British Columbia
- 1976 B.Sc. (Physics) – University of British Columbia

Board and Panel Experience

2024 to present

- University of British Columbia – Board of Governors

2019 to 2025 Director, BC Hydro

- Chair - ESG (Environment, Social and Governance) committee
- Chair – Governance and Nominating Committee
- Other committees: Audit and Finance, People and Culture, Operations and Planning

2018 to present Director, Community Savings Credit Union

- Vice- Chair
- Chair – Governance and Conduct Review Committee
- Other committees - Audit and Finance, Nominating, Community Involvement

2018 to 2021 Member, Translink Screening Panel

- appointed by the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change Strategy (previously appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs)

- the Panel (5 members) vets, short-lists and interviews candidates for the Board of Translink and makes recommendations to the Mayors' Council for appointments to the Board

Work Experience

2014 – 2018 President, BC Federation of Labour

- had responsibility for leadership and oversight of all aspects of the Federation including work on campaigns, political action, government relations, health and safety issues, the Labour Code, workers' compensation issues, communications
- enforced a constitution and managed multiple layers of governance in a complex organization made up of 39 affiliates representing 500,000 unionized workers
- did extensive work with the media as a spokesperson and advocate for workers and on labour issues
- managed a staff of 30 including hiring, labour relations and bargaining with 2 bargaining units

2010 - 2014 Secretary Treasurer, BC Federation of Labour

- had responsibility for all aspects of the finances and administrative operation of the BC Federation of Labour including administrative procedures, records, budgets and audits
- reported on all these aspects of the Federation to multiple layers of governance. assisting the president in all aspects of the work of the Federation

2007 – 2010 President, BC Teachers' Federation

- was the spokesperson and advocate for 41,000 public school teachers and for public education
- had responsibility for all aspects of the BCTF's work including professional development, health and safety, bargaining, enforcement of the collective agreement and pensions

- had a critical role in the management of a large organization with 160 staff in the central office and 69 local offices

2002 – 2007 Vice President (1st and 2nd), BCTF

2000 – 2002 Chief Negotiator, BCTF -also served on multiple bargaining teams from 2000 until 2010

1997 – 2000 President, Vancouver Secondary Teachers’ Association

1995 -1997 Vice-president, Vancouver Secondary Teachers’ Association

1990 – 1995 Teacher, Magee Secondary School

1978 – 1990 – various teaching jobs in Japan, Abbotsford, Saudi Arabia, BCIT and Capilano College

Other Experience and Accomplishments

- Member, Just Transition Advisory Committee, Vancouver Economic Commission
- Mentor, Women 4 Climate, City of Vancouver (C40 Global Network)
- Chair, Columbia Institute Board
- Co-chair, Green Jobs BC
- Chair, Governance Committee for the BC Centre for Women in Trades
- Canadian Labour congress delegate to the UN Commission on the Status of Women (2 times)
- Canadian Teachers’ Federation delegate to Education International Congress (2 times)
- Facilitator for courses at the Summer Institute for Union Women including: Women in Leadership, Public Speaking and Parliamentary Procedure
- Delegate on multiple labour solidarity missions to Guatemala, Columbia, Panama, Honduras, Mexico, Ecuador, Namibia and China
- Joe Morris Community Service Award from the United Way

- G.A. Ferguson Memorial Award from the BCTF for outstanding achievement in the field of education
- Vancouver Magazine Power 50 – from 2015 to 2018
- Numerous published opinion editorials, articles
- Extensive experience with public speaking and media interviews