



## Board of Directors 2011-2012 Biographies

### ABORIGINAL PEOPLES Chamber

#### **Wade Cachagee**

Wade Cachagee is viewed as a premier Canadian young entrepreneur whose business success in the private industry has been showcased in over 45 events in Europe, Asia, the United States and throughout Canada. He established CREE-TECH INC. in 1995. He also established NAN-FOR in 1997. Wade's company specializes in Geographic Information Systems, Map Product Development, Forest Management Planning and Custom Software Development. In December of 2001 Wade was elected as the Chief for the Chapleau Cree First Nation. In addition, Wade and a partner are in the process of setting up a white cedar lumber mill and log home construction company. See also: <http://www.creetech.com/wade.htm>

An avid volunteer on various mentorship programs, national committees, Development Corporations, local community functions and is currently a member of Council for his First Nation, all of which he seems to be the youngest participant of the various organizations.

#### **Bradley Young, National Aboriginal Forestry Association (NAFA)**

NAFA is a foundational member of the Aboriginal Chamber and FSC. Mr. Bradley Young is NAFA's designated representative. He most recently attended the FSC IC tri-annual general assembly and collaborated successfully with numerous members throughout all the chambers for the passage of Motion 19, which calls for the formation of an Indigenous Peoples committee for FSC IC. Also, he is currently coordinating NAFA's FSC organizing efforts domestically. As a potential board member for FSC Canada, Mr. Young has the ability to bring together national Aboriginal voices and ensure their perspectives are given due consideration. Diplomacy, tact, technical experience, objectivity, and the organizational support to carry out his board duties all make his candidacy a strong one.

### ECONOMIC Chamber

#### **Chris McDonell, Tembec Inc.**

Chris McDonell is a Registered Professional Forester employed by Tembec in the role of Manager Aboriginal and Environmental Relations. Since gaining first exposure to FSC in central Ontario in 1997 and then accountability for the implementation of Tembec's FSC commitment in 2001, Chris has been directly involved in FSC standards development in British Columbia, Boreal and Great Lakes-St. Lawrence regions.

In Chris' current role, he is involved in a variety of organizations based on a model of collaboration – Canadian Boreal Initiative, Network for Business Sustainability and Canadian Boreal Forest Accord – providing expertise in advancing best practices in working with First Nations and environmental organizations whilst in a challenging business climate.

Through participation in FSC General Assemblies, as a past member of FSC International Working Groups on Chain of Custody and Certification of Small Forests and an FSC Canada Board member from 1998-2003, Chris has worked with colleagues across all chambers and brings a strong familiarity with the vision, strategy, and organizational structure of the FSC. Chris would bring a strong base of experience in the FSC system in Canada and internationally and a constructive, pragmatic, team-oriented approach to the board of FSC Canada.

### **Henry Sauvagnat, Cascades Inc.**

Henry Sauvagnat, Vice President, Sustainable Development, Cascades Inc., is also running for an Economic North seat on the FSC International Board. He wants to: assist in the expansion of FSC FM certifications; facilitate greater access to FSC for small wood lots and community forests; ensure that the P&C Review process is completed promptly and supported by the membership; strengthen the accreditation system, improve the performance of CBs and reduce controversial certifications. Henry is also committed to strengthening FSC as an important player in the recycling sector; maintaining FSC integrity; and maximizing its effectiveness in the Climate Change debate and implementation actions. His dedication to FSC was recognized in 2003, when the President of Cascades authorized and encouraged him to spend half his time on FSC saying "If you believe in it, go for it!" He returned to live in Canada in January 2009.

While in France, small forest certification and SLIMFs became critical priorities requiring a National Standard. Henry led three years of complex negotiations that included vigorous participation of the Social and Environmental chambers, the Ministry of Agriculture, approved the financing of an FSC National Standard for France and committed to providing CDN\$375,000 over three years.

With 25 years' experience in the recycled paper and other industry sectors, Henry holds Canadian, American and French citizenships and is fluent in English, French and Spanish. He also has an MBA from Syracuse University, a B.Comm. and a Management Diploma from McGill University and a B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering and Management from the University of Wyoming

## **ENVIRONMENTAL Chamber**

### **John Cathro**

John Cathro has worked within the FSC framework since 1996 developing standards, advising First Nations and ENGO clients on FSC certification, assisting forest management and chain of custody companies in obtaining certification and conducting forest management and chain of custody audits. As Chair and Executive Director of the FSC-BC Steering Committee between 1997 and 2000 John was instrumental in helping to facilitate the FSC-BC standards process. John has worked with three different certification bodies, is trained as an ISO 14001 Lead Auditor, and has been involved in over 100 audits and assessments.

John has Masters Degrees in Forestry and its Relation to Land Use (Oxford 1993) as well Conflict Analysis and Management (Royal Roads 2009). His most recent board experience includes the Kaslo and District Community Forest Society, the North Kootenay Lake Community Services Society and the Community Foundation of North Kootenay Lake, an organization he helped establish in 2003.

John has been a long time supporter of the FSC Principles and Criteria and has consistently demonstrated the ability to work with complexity. John has been nominated to run for the FSC Canada Board of Directors in the Environmental Chamber by Wildsight. John lives with his wife and two sons in Kaslo, British Columbia.

### **Chris Henschel, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS)**

Chris has been an active FSC supporter throughout his career. He led the environmental community's participation in the development of the National Boreal Standard and has worked on interpretation and application of the standard across Canada. Chris has worked to build consensus within the environmental community and across a broad diversity of interests in the complex areas of forest policy, conservation, and climate change policy. He is a recognized leader in the Canadian conservation community with a familiarity of forest management contexts and issues in all parts of the country. He is also well-respected and well-connected due to his international work on forests and climate change.

CPAWS is Canada's voice for wilderness. Since 1963 we've led in creating over two-thirds of Canada's protected areas. That amounts to about half a million square kilometres – an area bigger than the entire Yukon Territory! Our vision is that Canada will protect at least half of our public land and water. As a national charity with 13 chapters, 40,000 supporters and hundreds of volunteers, CPAWS works collaboratively with governments, local communities, industry and indigenous peoples to protect our country's amazing natural places. We're also on guard to ensure that our parks are managed to protect the nature within them. We work co-operatively with government, First Nations, business, other organizations and individuals in a consensus-seeking manner, wherever possible.

CPAWS is a strong supporter of FSC and uses its on-the-ground capacity across the country to support and strengthen FSC certification.

**Valerie Courtois**

Valerie has been a very active in the field of Aboriginal forestry for the past 10 years. She has demonstrated a keen interest in working with communities and policy-makers to ensure recognition of Aboriginal rights, interests and aspirations for their lands in forest management and land use policy. She has over 8 years of operational and planning experience through working with the Innu Nation. Since 2009, Valerie has been a consultant in the field of Aboriginal Forestry. Her major clients have included the Canadian Boreal Initiative, where she acts as Sr. Advisor for Aboriginal Relations, and other active forestry communities and First Nations, including the Grand Council of the Cree, the First Nation of Quebec and Labrador Sustainable Development Institute in addition to her continued relationship with Innu Nation. In 2007, Valerie was awarded the James M. Kitz award from the Canadian Institute of Forestry for contributions to the profession of forester early in her career. Valerie lives in Goose Bay, Labrador, where she works from home when not on the road working directly with communities.

**Orrin Quinn, Ecotrust Canada**

Orrin Quinn is the FSC Program Manager for Ecotrust Canada, an enterprising nonprofit whose purpose is to build the conservation economy. Ecotrust was an early adopter of FSC and established the first FSC Group Certification in Canada. The organization works at the intersection of conservation and community economic development promoting innovation and provides FSC certification to enterprises wishing to green and grow their local economies.

Mr Quinn has a BSc. in Natural Resource Management and a Masters in Business Administration, specific to management consulting. He is also Registered Professional Forester with the Association of BC Forest Professionals. He has worked in several forest based communities, including consulting to local Nations, and for the University of Northern BC as the Research Extension Officer.

Orrin is a strong advocate for FSC, and is making a positive contribution with promoting sustainable forestry practices of small scale forest licensees. He is a current leader in FSC certification for both Forest Management and Chain-of-Custody certification and has a clear understanding of various regional issues impacting certification.