

Since coming back to Canada I've devoted my time to serving, whether it be my employer, my customers, or the community of West Grey, where I sit on the Economic Development Action Committee. In past roles at some of the schools I worked at, I always sought out additional responsibility in the form of different committees or roles where I could enhance learning opportunities for my students. The last few years I have been leveraging my experience as an educator to create complete lesson plans (in cooperation with the Ontario Aquaculture Association) for students in grades 8 through 11 that focus on improving their understanding of the importance of the aquaculture industry. This is at its core an effort to correct many of the falsehoods perpetuated about the industry, show similarities between aquaculture and terrestrial agriculture, and illustrate the many job opportunities available to hardworking young people. In terms of public perception, the parallels between aquaculture and nuclear power are clear. An educational program that seeks to correct misconceptions surrounding the industry is one initiative that I would like to introduce during my tenure on the OCNI board. I will be the first to admit, that with only one year of working directly with nuclear plants I almost certainly lack the industry experience of many of the other candidates for this role. What I bring to the board is an international perspective, a very broad career background including my work with the world's leading ROV supplier to the nuclear industry, and boundless tenacity. I sincerely hope you'll consider my candidacy.