

Ken Chan
Member since 2010

Biography

Ken Chan brings leadership experience from the business, non-profit and government sectors to Alterna. Ken has served on the Alterna Savings Board of Directors since 2012 and the Alterna Bank Board of Directors since 2013.

With over 15 years of experience in the public sector, Ken is currently an executive with the Ontario public service. He has worked internationally in the United Kingdom where he held roles with the British Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform and the Greater London Authority – London’s City Hall. Earlier in his career, Ken worked at the Peel Regional Police and at Citizenship and Immigration Canada.

In the private sector, Ken was Public Affairs Director at Vertex Pharmaceuticals where he led government affairs, community relations and communications for the company’s Canadian business unit. Ken also worked in the non-profit sector where he was Vice President of Advocacy, Research and Healthcare at Cystic Fibrosis Canada, one of the country’s leading health charities.

Ken is Board Chair of Sherbourne Health Centre and has previously served on University of Toronto’s Academic Board and on North York General Hospital’s Board of Governors. Ken has completed the Directors Education Program at the University of Toronto’s Rotman School of Management and holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

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Contribution Statement

I am seeking the opportunity to serve on Alterna's Board of Directors for a third consecutive term, having been elected by fellow members to the Board in 2012 and again in 2015.

Along with my commitment to the cooperative principles, I bring experience in governance, leadership and public affairs to the Board. Over the course of my time on Alterna's Board, I served on the Governance Committee and the Finance and Audit Committee, as well as Chair of the Nominating Committee in 2015 and 2016. Additionally, I have served as Chair of the selection committee for the Gary Gillam Award for Social Responsibility – a recognition program jointly sponsored by Alterna Savings and Central 1.

Over the next three years, I plan to continue working with my Board colleagues to provide strong, effective and consistent governance oversight, and to support the efforts by our management and staff as they continue to build Alterna's brand as a top, innovative credit union in Ontario. As a Board member, I pledge to do my part in being a champion for our credit union.