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Member since 1978

Biography

Maria has been a member of Alterna Savings and its predecessor organizations since the early 1970's. She serves on the Board of Alterna Savings and is Chair of Alterna Bank. She has also served and Chaired a number of other boards and advisory committees.

Maria retired from the federal public service as President of the Public Service Commission of Canada. Before that she was Assistant Auditor General at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada. She has a Ph.D. in sociology and is currently Executive-in-Residence at the Sprott School of Business, Carleton University. In her retirement from the federal government she continues to serve as a community volunteer and to pursue her interests in public service reform, governance, financial and human resource management.



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Contribution Statement

My contribution to the Board of Alterna is through my formal training and experience. I have been a longstanding supporter of the credit union movement and member of Alterna Savings and its predecessor organization as well as Alterna Bank.

I have served on numerous governance boards in different capacities in the health sector, volunteer sector and the local community. This included the establishment of a governance structure for a self-funded start-up selling health care accreditation aboard.

I have served two terms on the Alterna Savings Board, the last year as Vice-Chair of the Board. During that time I also served on the Alterna Bank Board, three years as Chair where I oversaw the response to an OFSI governance review.

My career has been primarily in the public sector and academics. My formal training in measurement and evaluation provided the basis for becoming a performance auditor and audit manager. I spent 18 years at the Office of the Auditor General of Canada (OAG), the last 10 years as Assistant Auditor General and leader in value for money auditing. I am currently editing a book bringing together my experience in performance audit, internal audit and program evaluation.

My last position in government was as President & CEO of the Public Service Commission of Canada (PSC) where I also Chaired the Commission. This is unique organization with responsibility for policy and regulations and their oversight and enforcement. Both my experience at the OAG in financial management and the PSC in human resource management provided experience with regulatory compliance and oversight.

During my two terms on the Alterna Savings Board and Alterna Bank board I have gained a deep understanding of credit union operations. I believe my experience can continue to contribute to the work of these Boards.