

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES FOR HARRY JOOSTEN



Harry Joosten is Vice President - Owner Relations and Corporate Secretary at St. Willibrord Community Credit Union where his duties include management of corporate governance and public affairs, co-ordinating strategic management activities and supervising St. Willibrord's sales, marketing and direct distribution staff.

He has been with the credit union since 1976 when he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a degree in Economics. He was among the first in Ontario to achieve the Credit Union Institute of Canada Fellowship (FCUIC) designation in 1980 and among the first in Canada to become an Associate of the Institute (ACUIC) after finishing their Management Studies Program with Honours in 1995.

Harry has made a number of presentations on a wide variety of credit union related topics around the country and has taught marketing at several levels within the system.

In the past, he has served on a number of different co-operative boards and committees including those of his local credit union chapter, the southwestern Ontario Interchapter Conference, the local Co-op Resource Materials committee, co-op housing, a co-op funeral home, Credit Union Central of Ontario (CUCO), Co-op Trust and the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA-Ontario Region). From 1984 to 1989 and again in 1994, Harry was a co-ordinator and resource person for the Co-operative Young Leaders (Ontario) program and was an instrumental part of the CCA task force which re-structured and expanded the program in 1992. In June 1999, Harry was named as the first Ontario Distinguished Co-operator by the Canadian Co-operative Association [Ontario Region].

During the Credit Union National Service Entity [NSE] project, Harry served on both the Phase I Branding/Market Presence Committee and the Phase II Provincial Integration Working SubCommittee. Harry has also been an active participant of Credit Union Central of Canada's Branding/Awareness Discussion Group from late 2000 to the present.

Currently, he is Chair of the Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation where he has spearheaded a number of initiatives raising the profile of both the Foundation and overall community investment activity within the credit union system.

Harry, his wife Susan and daughter Emily, reside in London, Ontario. Harry has served his community through past participation on his local parish council, the St. John Ambulance, the Red Cross Society, Jaycees and on the Board of Directors of the London/Middlesex Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is an avid reader of anything to do with history (past, present and future), science, technology and politics. Outdoors, Harry is happiest when he finds himself on or in the water [whitewater rafting or sea kayaking] or on horseback in the mountains.