

Chantal Guay, ing. P.Eng., FCAE

Biography

Chantal Guay was appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) in April 2018, where she oversees the promotion of standards and accreditation in Canada and abroad. Prior to this role Chantal was SCC's Vice President, Standards and International Relations where she was responsible for the overall management of the Canadian standardization network. She specifically managed the coordination and facilitation of Canadian stakeholders input into the development of international standards. She also served as SCC's Vice President, Accreditation Services for five years where she led the development of the processes and quality management system that contributed to a renewed business model.

Prior to SCC, Chantal was CEO of Engineers Canada; the national organization of the 12 provincial and territorial associations that regulate the practice of engineering and that license the country's more than 300,000 professional engineers. Under her leadership, the engineering profession adopted the 30 by 30 strategy which is aimed at raising the percentage of newly licensed engineers who are women to 30 per cent by the year 2030 (currently 18% nationally). Chantal was recognized for this work in 2020 when she was honoured with a fellowship from the Canadian Academy of Engineering.

Chantal brings a strong understanding of the importance and value of standardization, quality, and systems management in the private and public sectors. She has a breadth of experience and knowledge in both technical and policy related standardization work, including:

- ISO Council Member (2020-2022)
- Chair: PASC Executive Committee (2019-2021)
- Convener: ISO/CASCO Strategic Alliance Regulatory Group (2017-2018)
- Member: ISO/CASCO Chairman's Policy and Coordination Group and Strategic Alliance and Regulatory group (2014-2015 and 2016-2017)
- Member: ISO/CASCO/WG 42 to review ISO/IEC 17011
- Member: ISO/CASCO/WG 46 to develop ISO/IEC 17029

Her extensive engagement at the international and regional levels brings opportunities for influencing positive change, inclusion and responsiveness in the world of standardization. Since she took on the role of SCC's CEO, she advanced Canada as a world-leading centre for innovation by working directly with innovators to help them incorporate standards as part of their business strategy. She also positioned the organization in key areas for Canada such as the fight for climate change, digital transformation, artificial intelligence, circular economy, and more. She ensures that standardization creates value for Canada, and that areas of strategic importance to the country are reflected in international standardization. In August 2019, SCC became one of the first national standards organizations to publish a five-year strategy to improve gender equality in standards aligned with the UNECE Declaration for Gender Responsive Standards. Under her strong leadership, Canada has never been in a better position to be a standard setter on the world stage.

Chantal is actively involved in her community by sitting on the Board of the Ottawa Youville Center which is an innovative centre that inspires, educates and nurtures young mothers and their children to use their strengths and achieve their goals. She is also the Vice-Chair of the Council of Canadian Academies which is a not-for-profit organization that convenes the best experts in their respective fields to assess the evidence on complex scientific topics of public interest to inform decision-making in Canada. She has been mentoring young engineers throughout her career.

Chantal holds a Bachelor of Applied Science in Geological Engineering from Université Laval, and a Master's in Environmental Management from Université de Sherbrooke. She has also earned an Advanced Executive Certificate in General Management from the Queen's University School of Business. Chantal shares her life with Sheldon her husband and her daughter Karina.