



Get to know the CKCA Board of Directors

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You have now served 4 years on the board. Why did you engage by serving on the CKCA Board and what compelled you to stay?

I've always enjoyed participating and even speaking in different association events and webinars across North America. Cyncly, formerly 2020 Technologies, had been a part of the CKCA for many years and it felt natural to get more involved with the CKCA. My existing connections in the industry and the realization that we're moving towards greater automation helped me to apply for a board position. Additionally, the encouragement from some of my customers played a significant role in my decision.

Biggest advantage to being a CKCA member?

Being surrounded by like-minded people and engaging in discussions about industry challenges and coming up with ideas on how to solve them is priceless. As a single individual it would not be possible to tackle all new challenges alone and it is great to ask peers or even bounce off ideas to come up with solutions. Additionally, the plant visits organized by the CKCA offer a unique opportunity to see how other manufacturers tackle similar issues, and the tours demonstrate the industry's spirit of openness and cooperation, even among competitors.

Over the last 4 years, I've built many personal and professional connections within the CKCA, making it hard to imagine not being a part of this group. The CKCA has given so much to the industry, and both my company and I have greatly benefited from it. Being surrounded by like-minded individuals as we navigate the fast-paced industry and steer through challenging waters together has been invaluable.

What would you say to others in the industry who might consider a position on the Board in the future?

If you're passionate about making a meaningful impact in the industry, joining the CKCA board is a great opportunity. Your voice will be heard, and your ideas can lead to real, actionable changes. The time you invest in the CKCA will be rewarded through the impact you make and the connections you build, both professionally and personally.

What have you enjoyed most about being on the Board?

Learning from the incredibly smart people on the CKCA board. Working together to address challenges and drive the Canadian kitchen industry forward gives a deep sense of fulfillment. Being part of a team that identifies problems, finds solutions, and implements them is truly gratifying.

Thoughts for the future of the organization?

The CKCA's future holds great potential, especially as the organization continues to adapt to industry trends and challenges. With the rise of new technology and automation, CKCA is already well-prepared to tackle these issues. By maintaining high standards for educational sessions, the CKCA will strengthen the Canadian kitchen industry, helping it remain competitive. While individual manufacturers may struggle to keep up with future challenges, as a group, we'll be better equipped to find solutions together.