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Award of Merit

James William Boyden

In recognition of unparalleled commitment to CSA standards and research, and advocacy for the development of quality management and quality assurance standards

Jim Boyden has participated on the TC176 committee on Quality Management and Quality Assurance for several decades, promoting ISO9001 throughout the world and served as the Canadian delegation leader to the International Automotive Task Force (IATF). In his current public-sector role, Jim serves as the Ontario government’s subject matter expert on standards, and continues to help expand the awareness, integration, and support for standards and standards development among both public and private sector stakeholders. At a time when maintaining Canada as a Secretariat for TC 176 was in jeopardy, Jim successfully worked with SCC to keep the position in the country, allowing CSA to keep a strong foothold in the world of quality across the globe and continue to demonstrate Canada's strong commitment to standards development.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Jim has been very active with contributions to CSA initiatives such as the publication of a research paper on safely reopening and operating workplaces and supporting a new standard for certification of N95 respirators. Jim continues to work closely with CSA on personal protective equipment (PPE), medical devices, and long-term care standards.

Across numerous sectors at CSA, Jim actively seeks out regulatory participation from Ontario ministries to ensure Ontario’s presence and future goals align with current CSA standards under development or that need to be developed to improve the economic position of Canada. Jim's championship and promotion of CSA standards and activities are unparalleled and worthy of this recognition.

Jim is Senior Policy Advisor, Regulatory Issues Unit, with the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade. Jim brings a wealth of experience in international standards development from his decades-long career in the automotive sector. Throughout most of it, Jim represented General Motors of Canada and Chrysler Canada on the International Automotive Task Force (IATF) – the global standards body responsible for ISO/TS16949, the Automotive Quality Management System Standard now known as IATF16949:2016.