

BIOGRAPHY – Mary Ellen Neilson, BComm, MBA, CPA,CMA, ICD.D

Mary Ellen Neilson is the Executive Director at the Association for the Rehabilitation of the Brain Injured (“ARBI”). ARBI is a non-profit agency that leverages the time and talent of secondary students and other volunteers, to support therapists in the delivery of rehabilitation and community integration services for people with severe acquired brain injuries. Prior to joining ARBI in 2014, Mary Ellen retired from a successful 30 year career in financial services, where she held various senior executive positions, leading teams in wealth management, credit underwriting, and private equity across the Prairies.

Mary Ellen is a CPA-CMA with a Masters of Business Administration from York University. She also holds the ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors. In the community, Mary Ellen has served on the Board of Directors for the Art Gallery of Alberta, the Board of Governors for the Glenbow Museum, and was a member of the Audit and Risk Committee for the Society of Management Accountants of Alberta. She also served six years on the Board of Directors for the YWCA of Calgary, including two years as Board Chair.

Mary Ellen currently serves as a Director of ATB Financial, where she is a member of the Risk Committee and the Governance Committee. She additionally serves as an elected Senator for the University of Calgary, where she was the vice-chair of the Senate Development Committee, and currently serves as the Senate’s nominee on the University of Calgary Board of Governors.