

## Director-at-Large – Paul Blanchet



Paul Blanchet has recently retired from a career in software information technology and has extensive experience in leading and growing dynamic information technology companies.

Using contemporary and leading business tools, Paul has broad and deep experience in corporate strategic planning and business execution. He has actively participated in executive and operational management, and has led software product development, customer success and support, and IT planning and deployment activities. His work has been primarily in growth technology companies – in mobile data communications, public and private board/council governance tools, and other information systems automating manual processes.

Paul graduated from the University of British Columbia with a Bachelor of Applied Science in Electrical Engineering. He has been an active participant in several M&A transactions and subsequent business integrations. He has held board positions in public and private technology companies.

Paul enjoys focusing his time on things especially important to him – family, friends, food and wine – wrapped around the adventure of the outdoors and international travel. He is a strong voice and advocate for the dementia cause in British Columbia.

Paul's wife Linda was diagnosed with young onset Alzheimer's disease in 2012, and since then they both have been active in supporting and advocating for the dementia cause in British Columbia, including a strong relationship with the Alzheimer Society of BC. Paul is a member of the B.C. Leadership Group for Caregivers and has also participated in the Public Health Authority of Canada Regional and National Dementia Strategy sessions. He is a member of the Expert Panel to the PHAC Dementia Guidance and Best Practices Initiative. Paul was elected to the Society's board of directors in 2020.