

### Barbara Byers

**Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress**



Now serving a 2nd three-year term, Barbara Byers was first elected Executive Vice-President of the Canadian Labour Congress in 2002 after more than a decade as President of the Saskatchewan Federation of Labour.

Her 17 years with the Saskatchewan Social Services led to her strong focus on core societal issues including poverty; Aboriginal concerns; youth unemployment; and justice for equality-seeking groups.

Ms. Byers is the CLC officer responsible for labour education; women; medicare/health care; training/technology; literacy; employment insurance and apprenticeship. She is the Canadian worker representative at the International Labour Organization, a tripartite body of the United Nations, and she sits on the Board of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum.

*The Women in SETT / Femmes en SGMT Initiative will benefit from Ms. Byers' extensive expertise in ensuring women's full participation in the work force and society. Ms. Byers was a participant in the 2004 WinSETT Leaders' Breakfast in Ottawa.*

### Lillian Dyck

**Senator, Government of Canada**



Lillian E. Dyck, Ph.D., a member of the Gordon's First Nations, Saskatchewan, was appointed to the Senate of Canada in 2005. Previously, Senator Dyck was Professor and senior administrator at the University of Saskatchewan.

Senator Dyck is a neurochemist and was a member of the research team that developed new drugs which may be useful in diseases such as Parkinson's, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's.

She is the recipient of numerous awards among them the 2005 Commemorative Medal for the Centennial of Saskatchewan and the 1999 award for Science and Technology from the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation.

*The Women in SETT / Femmes en SGMT Initiative has already benefited from Senator Dyck's leadership on women in SETT issues, her insights as an Aboriginal woman in science, and her contributions as an advisor and participant in the various stages of our work.*

## George Gritziotis

### Executive Director, Construction Sector Council



Mr. Gritziotis is the Executive Director of the Canadian Construction Sector Council and was pivotal in the establishment of the Canadian Apprenticeship Forum.

Mr. Gritziotis has extensive experience working with national labour management partnership organizations in the construction, industrial, and services sectors on human resource development and labour market policy issues, and he also serves on a number of voluntary community organizations.

Mr. Gritziotis completed a BA (Honours) in Economics from Concordia University and an MBA with specialization in governance from the University of Ottawa. Mr. Gritziotis is also an alumnus of the Governor General's 2000 Canadian Study Tour.

*Mr. Gritziotis publicly articulates the need to increase the participation of women in the skilled trades and brings that strong commitment to the Advisory Panel for the Women in SETT / Femmes en SGMT Initiative.*

## Eric Newell

### Chancellor, University of Alberta



In 2004, Eric Newell, OC, LL.D (Hon), with an exemplary record of leadership, achievement and service, was elected as the eighteenth Chancellor of the University of Alberta.

With a background in engineering and management studies, Mr. Newell held key executive positions including Chief Executive Officer at Syncrude Canada Ltd. Chair of the CAREERS: The Next Generation Foundation and Policy Advisor to The Learning Partnership, Mr. Newell is well known for his successful efforts to

strengthen partnerships between education and business and for championing corporate social responsibility.

Mr. Newell is an Officer of the Order of Canada, the recipient of four honorary doctorates, and member of several community and corporate boards.

*Mr. Newell brings an extensive history of promoting diversity initiatives in business and a commitment to strengthening post-secondary education in Canada. The Initiative will benefit greatly from his strategic counsel.*