Seat 2: Donna Cassese graduated from UMO with a B.S. in Forest Management and has been with Sappi for 38 years. She has had diverse roles within forestry, operations, and manufacturing. After nearly 15 years as a forester in both Maine and Alabama she transitioned into managerial roles in the Woodyard, Waste Treatment, Pulp Sales and Human Resources at the Somerset Mill in Skowhegan, Maine. Following these roles, Donna held the position of Plant Manager at Sappi's Allentown Pennsylvania converting facility and then transitioned into the Supply Chain group at the Somerset Mill. In 2006 Donna became the Director of Inside Sales for Sappi's North American operations. In 2008, Donna assumed responsibility for the Westbrook Mill as Managing Director. In 2015 Donna returned to her forestry roots and is now the Director of Wood Resource Strategy.

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