

**Michael Binder**  
**CNS President's Award**



Dr. Michael Binder holds a PhD in physics from the University of Alberta. Throughout his extensive career in the federal public service, Dr. Binder has held senior positions at Industry Canada, the Department of Communications, the Office of the Comptroller General of Canada, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, and the Defence Research Board.

In 2008 he was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC), a role he maintained until his retirement in 2018. Under his leadership the CNSC was modernized, ensuring that it evolved with the nuclear industry and enabling it to effectively and efficiently meet its mandate. He has displayed an outstanding ability to articulate a vision, overcome adversity, and provide dynamic, innovative and inspirational leadership, while ensuring that nuclear safety is achieved. The path he has forged has built the foundation for strong nuclear regulation for years to come, and has strengthened the global nuclear safety regime by promoting and encouraging international accountability and transparency.

For his visionary leadership skills, his dedication and outstanding contributions to the nuclear community, Dr. Binder is awarded the Canadian Nuclear Society President's Award.