

Michael A. Keane

North Bennington, Vermont

Member, Vermont Economic Progress Council

Michael Keane brings more than 45 years' experience, first, in the education field, then in organization management and leadership in the financial services and management consulting industries.

In his teaching career, he taught at the University of Delaware for four years and worked for the Ministry of Education in the Kingdom of Norway for nine years. After transitioning to the business world, Michael managed client-centered business units for Salomon Brothers Inc, a premier Wall Street firm, and Thomson McKinnon Securities, Inc.

In his time at KPMG Consulting, American Management Systems, Inc. (now CGI), Watson Wyatt Worldwide (now Towers Watson), Arthur Andersen, and A.T. Kearney, Michael consulted for more than 40 global financial services organizations in the US, Canada, the UK, and the Netherlands, on strategic planning, performance improvement, merger integration, and enterprise transformation.

Michael is a dual citizen of the European Union (Republic of Ireland) and the United States. That offers him the opportunity to work with clients in the EU, which he often welcomes. He is fluent in English, French, Norwegian, and Swedish.

Michael has degrees from Saint Peter's University, Duke University, and Oslo University, Norway. He has a Certificate in Organizational Development/Change Management from Georgetown University and in Financial Planning from DePaul University. Michael currently focuses on executive coaching for leaders of businesses looking to grow exponentially. He is also a retirement coach, helping current and potential retirees to make the most of the next stage of their lives.

Michael and his wife Edie are transplants to Vermont, where they practice their strong beliefs about serving their local community through civic involvement. Michael's civic involvement in Vermont includes:

Vermont Economic Progress Council member, appointed in 2012 and reappointed in 2017

Member and past Vice Chair, Bennington Select Board, 2014-2017

Better Bennington Corporation, Bennington's Downtown District organization, current board member and Vice President, past Board president

American Lung Association of Vermont, current board member, past Chair, since 2014

Regional Economic Development Group (Bennington County), board member, 2016- present

Southern Vermont Economic Development Zone Study Initiative, 2015, member, appointed by Lieutenant Governor