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Prior to retiring, Paul Wheeler was the executive director of Semiahmoo House Society, a British Columbia–based provider of support and advocacy for individuals and families affected by disabilities. Originally trained as a social worker and an Anglican priest, he has been involved in the provision of social services through nonprofit organizations for 39 years. One of the key interests of Wheeler’s professional life is ensuring that the benefits provided to those working in social services are the best possible. This commitment led him, along with colleagues, to form the Community Services Benefits Trust (CSBT). CSBT exists to ensure that comprehensive health and welfare benefits are available to community service providers at a cost justified by the value provided. Organized in British Columbia in 2002, CSBT delivers its products across Canada through a network of trained insurance brokers. As chair of the volunteer board of trustees of CSBT, Wheeler is concerned that the trustees deliver quality governance. To this end, the board chose the International Foundation to train its members. Board policy includes stipulations that all members regularly attend International Foundation training sessions and conferences. This decision has been a direct contributor to CSBT growing from eight member agencies in 2002 to more than 1,500 in less than 20 years. Wheeler is a former member of the International Foundation’s Canadian Board and formerly served as a member of its Canadian Legal/Legislative and Public Sector Committee.