



After receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Windsor in 1986, Allen joined his father in the family business, and spent the early part of his career progressing through various positions in manufacturing, distribution, sales, and finance. In 1990, Allen began the transition to senior management when he was appointed Director of Marketing. In 1992, the transition of ownership and control from Eric Taylor began when Allen acquired the electrical components side of the business. By 1996, Allen had successfully completed the acquisition of all divisions. Altogether this means more than 20 years in the industry. In 2004, Allen took some time away from his day-to-day business activities to focus on broadening his education and knowledge base and in 2006, he received his MBA from the Kellogg School of Management in Chicago and the Schulich School of Business in Toronto.

Along with maintaining his role at Taylor Associates, Allen sits on three private company boards, is involved in venture capital start-ups, holds national and regional Board of Director positions with the Canadian Association of Family Enterprise and currently Allen is Board Chair of CAFE Canada and President of CAFE GTA. Allen was also recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Family Enterprise Advisors. He has had more than two decades of experience within CIPH, culminating as President of the Ontario Region Board in 2004/2005. He is active on CIPH's IPVF Council and currently serves on the CIPH Membership Committee.

Allen has three sons Spence, A.J., and Jack. Currently residing in Burlington, ON, in his spare time Allen is an avid reader, golfer, and wine collector. Allen was elected to the CIPH Board in 2008.