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BOARD CHAIR **REPORT**

Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA, *Chair of the CPA Saskatchewan Board*

WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED SOMETHING TRULY REMARKABLE TOGETHER

On February 6, 2016, I had the privilege of participating in an historic convocation for CPA Saskatchewan. We celebrated the graduation of the first Saskatchewan cohort to complete the new CPA Professional Education Program and Common Final Examination. On behalf of the CPA Saskatchewan Board, I would like to extend a warm thank you to Terry LeBlanc, FCPA, FCGA, Vice Chair of CPA Canada, and Nola Joorisity, FCPA, FCA, CMA, Chair of the CPA Western School of Business, for participating in our convocation exercises. As well, we were very pleased to have representation from our provincial post-secondary educational institutions. We take great pride in sharing the success of our graduates with these key partners and appreciated having them help us mark this historic CPA Saskatchewan milestone.

On a personal note, this was the fourth convocation during my term as Board Chair and I can tell you that the pride and inspiration I feel watching our young professionals cross the stage and be recognized for their achievements does not diminish with each successive convocation; if anything, those feelings grow in intensity. This convocation was of particular significance to me as it demonstrated that our new national education program is a highly efficacious one.

It is clear that our profession's decision to move to a national development / regional delivery education model was a wise one. We can now count on the program to provide the quantity and quality of professional accountants needed, at present and into the future, in Saskatchewan and across Canada. The education program was the last critical

building block needed and now that we have successfully graduated our first group of professionals through the program we truly are at the end of the unification process in Saskatchewan. It is time to more fully and more deliberately focus our sights on the road ahead.

Our CEO, Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA, Board Vice-Chair, Blair Davidson, FCPA, FCA, and I attended the Western Region Forum and National CPA meetings on February 23rd and 24th. This was an opportunity to work with our Western Region and National colleagues on strategic matters relevant to our profession and our provincial institute. The theme of the meetings was "The Changing Dynamics of the Accounting Profession" and included presentations from industry experts on the impact of changing and developing technologies as well as the impact of changing demographics on our profession. The information presented and the opportunity to dialogue on these matters with our National colleagues was very valuable and provided us much to consider.

What struck me as even more important, though, was that the theme and the tone of the meeting was very focused on the future and what we need to do to continue to grow our profession and succeed in the longer term. This was a clear sign that the Canadian CPA profession is successfully emerging from the hard work of unification and is ready to fully realize the benefits of a much stronger, unified profession.

In past articles, I have reflected on how fortunate we are in Saskatchewan to have a very strong and capable management and staff group in our Provincial office, a dedicated and highly skilled Board of Directors, and many engaged volunteer members serving us on our various committees. As my term as Chair comes to an end later this Spring, I would like to reiterate that sentiment

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and to thank each of these groups for their service to CPA Saskatchewan; you have truly made my term as Chair a very memorable one.

While I do not want to take any credit away from those mentioned above, I would like to take this opportunity to specifically give a shout out to our Vice-Chair, Blair Davidson, FCPA, FCA, for his significant role in getting CPA Saskatchewan to where it is today. I have volunteered alongside Blair for several years now through the unification process and in our current roles on the CPA Saskatchewan Board. Blair is very committed to the success of our profession, is passionate about ensuring our education program is second to none, has for many years played a very significant role in developing our candidates and young professionals, and has long served our members in a variety of governance roles. He “gets it” when it comes to the importance of serving our members in all areas of practice that CPAs find themselves (e.g., public practice and industry) and is well known and respected within our Province, Western Region and at the CPA National table.

In short, I want to say thank you to Blair for his service as our Vice-Chair and for his time, effort, and vision in helping us achieve unification and such a strong foundation for CPA Saskatchewan in such a short time. Best of all, Blair is continuing on as a Board member so we can expect more great things from him in the future.

In closing, this may be one of my final opportunities to address our membership so let me extend a heartfelt thanks to all of our members for the privilege of serving you as Chair and for your faith, assistance, and patient foresight these past few years as we built CPA Saskatchewan. We have accomplished something truly remarkable together.

FELLOW CPA (FCPA) – CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Do you know a member who has provided meritorious service to the profession and community or has brought distinction to themselves and to the CPA profession?

Nominations are now being accepted for CPA Saskatchewan's most prestigious honour – the Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA) designation.

Deadline for submission of nominations is Friday, April 29, 2016.

The Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan (CPA SK) formally recognizes those members who have rendered exceptional service to the profession or whose achievements in their careers or in the community have earned them distinction and brought honour to the profession by the awarding of the title and designation Fellow Chartered Professional Accountant (FCPA).

The individuals who are eligible for nomination must meet the following criteria:

- The CPA must be a member in good standing of CPA Saskatchewan
- There is no minimum required of years of membership before being eligible for nomination
- The individual will have demonstrated exceptional leadership, performance and made remarkable contributions in at least one of the following areas:
 - Professional career
 - Volunteer involvement to the accounting profession
 - Volunteer contribution to a professional, community or charitable organization
- FCPAs may be granted posthumously to a member who was in good standing during his/her lifetime
- Members who reside outside the province of Saskatchewan may be considered for an FCPA for the following reasons:
 - Contributions relevant to the Saskatchewan CPA profession or community
 - Exceptional service to the Canadian or international CPA profession

For more information and to download a nomination form visit the [CPA SK website](#).



CEO
REPORT

Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA, *Chief Executive Officer*

**BECOME A CPA
WHO MAKES
A DIFFERENCE!**

During the last few years, I have had the privilege of working with some exceptional CPAs who are making a difference – our Initial CPA Saskatchewan Board led by our Chair, Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA. The Initial Board members are motivated, enthusiastic, and passionate about our profession. Their responsibilities and their time commitment have been significant as they set out to build the new organization. The terms of some of our Initial Board members will expire at the AGM in May, so I thank each of them for their contribution and invite members to take the opportunity to be involved in the profession by putting their name forward for election to the Board.

If you ask Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA, about his experience of chairing the Initial CPA Saskatchewan Board, he will likely thank you for the opportunity. He will focus on the privilege of serving the membership, the opportunity to work with a motivated and passionate group of people, the collective efforts of the Board, the members, and the staff. In short, he would focus on everyone else, not himself. So, I am happy to help him out.

I like to think of Martin as the captain of the team – a captain is the leader of the team, typically a position that indicates honor and respect from one's teammates – recognition as a leader by one's peers.

Martin has been involved with unification and ultimately, CPA Saskatchewan since the initial discussions. In 2012, he was appointed to the Transitional Steering Committee (TSC) and became chair of the TSC. Martin was then appointed to the Initial CPA Saskatchewan Board and elected as the Chair in 2014.

Martin led the CPA Saskatchewan Initial Board with extraordinary skill, patience, and wisdom. He has led his team through issues – many of which were being dealt with by Board members for the first time. Martin always encouraged every member to participate, ensured that all perspectives were heard, and led the group to wise decisions.

Martin also played an important role with the CPA Western School of Business, with his involvement on the search committees for both their CEO and Chair of the Board. Martin's views and professionalism are respected by his colleagues in the west and across the country.

Thank you Martin for your leadership of the CPA profession!

As the Initial CPA Saskatchewan Board will transition to be the CPA Saskatchewan Board after the May AGM, I encourage each of you to consider your role within the profession, whether it be running for a position on the Board, joining a committee or attending CPA events such as convocation or the annual conference.

This year's conference, which will be held on May 24 and 25, will be a great opportunity to have fun networking with colleagues and participating in educational sessions with exceptional speakers. Become a CPA who Makes a Difference!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan Regina, Saskatchewan, May 25, 2016

The second Annual General Meeting of the members of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan will be held at the Queensbury Convention Centre, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. for the reception of the financial statements of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, together with the auditor's report thereon, the appointment of the auditor for the current fiscal year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Dated this 17th day of March 2016



Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA
Chief Executive Officer



Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA
Chair

To register for the Breakfast & AGM only, please fill out the [AGM registration form](#) found on the website, by Monday, May 16, 2016 and send it to Myrna at mbuttner@cpask.ca. Members attending the CPA SK Conference on May 25th can register for the AGM with their conference registration.

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for election to the CPA Saskatchewan Board for 2016-2017 are now requested. Nominations must be received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute by 4:00 p.m., C.S.T., on Wednesday, May 4, 2016.

Nominations must be in writing, signed by two members and agreed to by the nominee. Please visit the CPA SK website cpask.ca for a nomination form.

The provisions setting out the procedures for nomination and election of the Board appear in Bylaws 103.1 to 103.14 which are also available for download from the CPA SK website.

Under Bylaws 105.1 to 105.4 and 138.1 to 138.5, four members are to be elected to the Board this year. The terms of John Amundson, FCPA, FCA, Bob Kenny, FCPA, FCA, Jan McLellan Folk, FCPA, FCMA, Mike Pestill, CPA, CMA, and Adynea Russell, CPA, CA expire as of the 2016 Annual General Meeting. All are eligible for re-election.

The AGM will be held on May 25, 2016 in Regina.

FIRST SASKATCHEWAN GRADUATES FROM THE NEW CPA PROGRAM CELEBRATE THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS!

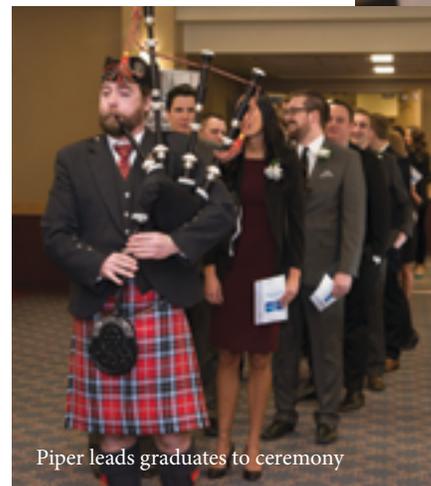


Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA
Toast to the Graduates

Winter 2016 CPA Convocation

CPA Saskatchewan hosted its Winter 2016 Convocation of Graduates, Dinner and Dance, on Saturday, February 6, in Regina, in the Queensbury Centre at Evraz Place.

At this historic ceremony, we celebrated the convocation of the first Saskatchewan cohort to complete the new CPA Professional Education Program and Common Final Examination. It was an extraordinary day, full of wonderful moments. Congratulations to all our 67 CPA Graduates!



Piper leads graduates to ceremony



Our newest CPAs



Valedictorian
Ilona Bastiaansen

Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA, CEO of CPA Saskatchewan, was the MC and called on Nola Joorisity, FCPA, FCA, CMA, Board Chair, CPA Western School of Business, to start the proceedings with the Invocation. The CPA Canada Message was delivered by Terry LeBlanc, FCPA, FCGA, Vice-Chair of the CPA Canada Board and the Convocation Address was delivered by Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA, Chair of the CPA Saskatchewan Board of Directors.

The presentation of graduates was an emotional and exciting time in the ceremony. All graduates were introduced by members of the profession.



Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA,
Chair of the Board, CPA SK.



Terry LeBlanc, FCPA, FCGA,
Vice Chair, CPA Canada Board



Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA,
CEO of CPA SK, was the MC.



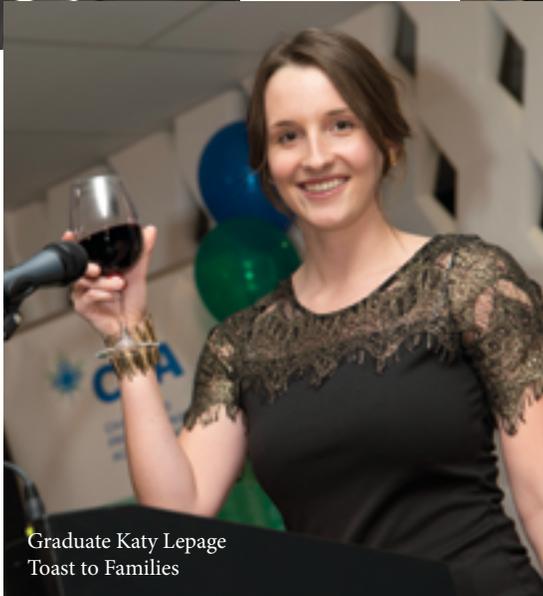
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Graduate Rheal Baillargeon
Toast to Academics

The ceremony ended with the
Valedictorian Speech, given by
Ilona Bastiaansen, from Saskatoon.

Following the ceremony, a
Convocation Dinner and Dance
was held for over 500 guests.
After dinner, toasts were delivered
and introductions were made.



Graduate Katy Lepage
Toast to Families



Dinner Registration Table



Platform Guests: Terry LeBlanc, FCPA, FCGA, Nola Joorisity, FCPA, FCA, CMA,
Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA, and Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA.

Everyone celebrated with music and conversation.
At the dance, music was provided by DJ Gil
Campbell, who kept the celebration going
until 1 a.m.

CPA Saskatchewan congratulates all our CPA
graduates. Thank you to all the family members,
employers and friends of the graduates who
attended the convocation events. They made
the day a very special occasion.



Grad Photos by Tom Bartlett



**Congratulations
CPA SK graduates!**

For a complete list of the CPA
Program graduates [click here](#).



WINTER 2016 CPA CONVOCATION

CPA Canada MESSAGE

Terry LeBlanc, FCPA, FCGA, *Vice Chair, CPA Canada Board*

I am very pleased to be here today to welcome our newest members!

This is both an exciting and historic time for Canada's accounting profession as the three legacy accounting designations have come together and are operating under the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) banner across the country. The integration of the three national accounting bodies is complete and CPA Canada now represents one unified accounting profession with more than 200,000 professional accountants across the country and around the world.

Those of you being recognized today are also among an historic group — you are part of the first cohort of Canadian CPAs who have completed the new CPA certification program and passed the first Common Final Examination.

You are history makers! Congratulations!

With this accomplishment, your career potential is unlimited and your skills will clearly distinguish you from other professionals. Give yourselves a round of applause. You deserve it.

I remember well when I first earned my designation and I fully appreciate just how special a day this is for you. Today marks the conclusion of one journey and the beginning of another. It is a time for you, your family and friends to celebrate a tremendous accomplishment in your life.

As you celebrate today, you are likely experiencing a number of emotions — including excitement, of course. Perhaps also some relief at finally being able to put aside your study notes — at least for a while!

You may also feel a little apprehensive about what the future may hold and what will come next. My advice to you is, don't look at this time with apprehension. Instead, welcome what is to come. This point in your career is like no other.

There is an opportunity to grow, as you transition from a student — who has completed a very demanding program — to an accounting and business professional with a remarkably competitive skillset.

Working together with CPA Saskatchewan we will deliver on the vision to make the CPA designation the pre-eminent, globally respected Canadian business and accounting designation that best serves the public interest. We will strengthen the integrity and influence of accounting professionals, by holding ourselves to the highest standards. We will demonstrate leadership, inspire confidence and command respect.

We are already seeing dividends. With the strength of our unified membership, we are being recognized as a highly valued advisor by the Canadian federal government, a valued partner by leading advocacy groups, and we continue to be respected internationally as one of the leading voices in the international accounting and finance community.

Your designation opens doors to broader career choices and the enhanced programs and services that a stronger, more influential organization can provide. Expanded professional development opportunities that will equip YOU, our members, with the skills you'll require to compete successfully in the marketplace.

Your new national organization, CPA Canada, is here to support and encourage you today and throughout your career. You can rely on them for a wealth of education, information and resources on everything from technical matters to the emerging issues in business and finance. They offer programs and services, newsletters, speciality publications, courses, webinars, podcasts and more. And there are extensive opportunities to volunteer in ways that will help advance the profession and your career.

As you celebrate today, remember that your dedication to your profession, along with the support of your colleagues and friends, will be crucial in helping you meet the challenges ahead. And, of course, CPA Canada and CPA Saskatchewan will also be here to support and encourage you along the way.

I wish you much success and reward in your new journey.

Enjoy the rest of the celebration.

**TIME TO SECURE
OUR FUTURE**

UNIFICATION OF THE CANADIAN ACCOUNTING PROFESSION



STATUS OF UNIFICATION ACROSS CANADA

All 40 accounting bodies in Canada have either unified or are working on legislation to unite under the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) banner.

To find out about the history of unification in provinces and territories across Canada with our interactive map, [click here](#).

CPA UNIFICATION TIMELINE: KEY DEVELOPMENTS

The Canadian accounting landscape is changing rapidly. Unification of the accounting profession in Canada is almost complete. View the key milestones of our progress toward a unified Canadian accounting profession on our timeline.

The new Canadian designation, Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA), is now used by Canada's accounting profession across the country.

To check for a regularly updated timeline of key unification developments, [click here](#) or visit cpacanada.ca for detailed information posted on the CPA Canada website.



CPA CANADA NEWS

CPA CANADA FINDS ITS NEW PRESIDENT AND CEO



Joy Thomas,
FCPA, FCMA

After an extensive search covering a large and diverse group of successful domestic and international business people working across all sectors of the economy, Joy Thomas, FCPA, FCMA, has been named CPA Canada's new President and CEO, effective April 1, 2016, replacing Kevin Dancey, FCPA, FCA, who is retiring.

Joy Thomas is extremely well suited to the top job at the national professional body. Before becoming executive Vice-President of CPA Canada, Thomas successfully steered CMA Canada, and CMA Alberta before it, as President and CEO. She worked together with current CPA Canada President and CEO, Kevin Dancey, to lead unification of the Canadian accounting profession, and oversaw the integration of Canada's three national legacy bodies to form CPA Canada.

Prior to working within the profession she held positions as a CFO and controller across several sectors. Thomas is also a current member of the board of IFAC and Financial Planning Standards Board Ltd., where she recently completed a term as chair of the Audit Committee and led a governance review which resulted in the adoption of a new governance model for the financial planning global network.

Starting as CPA Canada President and CEO on April 1, Thomas' mandate will be to build on the solid foundation already established for CPA Canada, the fifth largest international accounting body. "My focus will be on working with the provinces and our members to strengthen CPA Canada's relevance in local communities, elevate recognition of the value of members and the profession, and to ensure that CPA Canada is identified as a global leader in business and finance," Joy said.

THE ONE NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2016

Jointly presented by CPA Canada and CPA BC, The ONE is the must-attend, multi-track event of the year. ONE powerful network. ONE unparalleled learning experience. ONE exceptional opportunity.



CPA CANADA CONDUCTED A MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY

CPA Canada conducted a Member Satisfaction Survey in February 2016. The survey was conducted by Nielsen Research, where 5,000 members were randomly chosen among the membership, with an additional 1,000 members in Manitoba. As well, 2,000 CPA PEP students were chosen randomly from across the country to do the survey.

Survey results are expected later this summer.



ACAF PROGRAM TARGETS NICHE MARKET

CPA Canada launched the Advanced Certificate in Accounting and Finance (ACAF) program in September 2015. The

program aims to fill a void in the marketplace by targeting individuals who want challenging and rewarding careers in accounting and finance but not as designated CPAs. The program is nationally recognized and it is offered exclusively online. Developed in collaboration with employers, this program is open to college graduates from two-year programs, as well as, to individuals already working in accounting functions who do not have a recognized Canadian accounting credential.

If you know someone who could be a good candidate for this program, have them visit cpask.ca/acaf or contact us at acaf@cpask.ca to find out if the program is right for them.

CANADA E-LIBRARY ACCESS

CPA Canada members can now access top research, recorded webinars and other corporate, financial planning and public policy resources from the Conference Board of Canada. Receive priority user privileges at no cost until May 1, 2016.

MEMBERS SAVINGS PROGRAM



Take advantage of exclusive member offers. The CPA Canada member savings program offers members exclusive offers and discounts on products and services that have been negotiated for you by your national and provincial CPA

body. Visit cpacanada.ca for more information.

REGULATORY MATTERS

Congratulations to our new members through graduation:

Pamela Anderson, CPA, CGA
Asmat Anwar, CPA, CGA
Rhéal Assié, CPA, CA
Yanfeng Bai, CPA, CGA
Justin Boychuk, CPA, CA
Trisha Braun, CPA, CGA
Andrea Campbell, CPA, CGA
Tyler Campbell, CPA, CA
Muya Chen, CPA, CGA
Calder Chubey, CPA, CGA
Alex Collins, CPA, CA
Riley Dowdeswell, CPA
Matthew Dreger, CPA, CA
Natalya Dygalo, CPA, CA
Stacey Fries, CPA, CA
Karen Fung, CPA, CGA
Craig Gardner, CPA, CGA
Glen Goodwin, CPA

Cindy Greschner, CPA, CMA
Katelle Halpape, CPA, CA
Crystal Harris, CPA, CGA
Brittany Hermanson, CPA, CA
Jarred Hinger, CPA, CMA
Xiaoshan Huang, CPA, CGA
Chelsea Kohl, CPA, CGA
Ryan Kram, CPA, CA
Allan Lorezca, CPA, CGA
Guada Macapulay, CPA, CGA
Joanne Macey, CPA, CA
April Madden, CPA, CGA
Jesse McCulloch, CPA, CA
Sone Ngole Ajang, CPA, CGA
Dan Nguyen, CPA, CGA
Oluwatosin Olajide, CPA, CGA
Adam Paulgaard, CPA, CMA
Tyler Roberts, CPA, CGA

Neelima Sarker, CPA, CMA
Dexter Scheibelhoffer, CPA
Lori Schmidt, CPA, CGA
Rattana Souriyavong, CPA, CMA
Nathan St. Amand, CPA, CA
Daniel Toews, CPA, CGA
Ruby Tricker, CPA, CGA
Blair Turnquist, CPA, CA
Jillian Wabugwe, CPA, CGA
Blaine Weimer, CPA, CGA
Cassandra Whitelaw, CPA, CA
Jillian Willick, CPA, CGA
Bailey Wilmot, CPA, CA
Yisu Xie, CPA, CGA
Na Xie, CPA, CGA
Brett Zabolotney, CPA, CGA
Michelle Zeabin, CPA, CGA
Pei Zhang, CPA, CA

New members through Mutual Recognition Agreements:

Syed Hamdani, CPA
Dwayne Hibberts, CPA
Deepa Voralia, CPA

New members to Saskatchewan:

George Greenwood, CPA, CMA, from New Brunswick
Elizabeth Hicks, CPA, CGA, from Ontario
Sandra Libbey, CPA, CGA, from Manitoba
Shuhong Liu, CPA, CGA, from Alberta
Beverly Lonsdale, CPA, CGA, from Manitoba
Roza Manucharyan, CPA, CGA, from British Columbia
Allen Morris, CPA, CA, from Ontario
Sacha Munro, CPA, CGA, from Alberta
Matthew Oliver, CPA, CA, from Alberta
Michael Pollard, CPA, CGA, from British Columbia
Delayne Sackman, CPA, CA, from Alberta
Oleksandr Yevlanov, CPA, CGA, from British Columbia
Yuliia Yevlanova, CPA, CGA, from British Columbia

IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the passing of the following members:

Philip A. J. Gebert, CPA, CA
from Gloucester, ON, on November 16, 2015

Vincent E. Loewen, CPA, CMA
from Vegreville, AB, on January 29, 2016

Doug Richardson, CPA, CMA
from Regina, SK, on February 3, 2016

Karl F. Weckworth, CPA, CMA
from Burnaby, BC, on October 18, 2013

Our thoughts are with their families and friends.



The Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION AS MEMBERS

On February 5, 2016, the Board of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan approved the suspension of registration of the following members:

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| Terry P. Cherewyk | Judith Moldenhauer |
| Jacob M. Dyck | Dennis M. Polowyk |
| James Robert Gerrity | Stan S. Rowe |
| Reta M. Gibson | Marsha Kim Scharfstein |
| Norm K. Guttormson | Patricia M. Stromberg |
| Denis L. Legault | Marlene C. Torgerson |
| Wesley G. Mazer | |

The registration of these persons have been suspended pursuant to Regulatory Bylaws 32.1 and 130.10 due to non-compliance with one or more of Bylaws 4.4, 130.1 and 130.9 and Board Rule 467.1

Having been suspended, these individuals may not use either the title 'professional accountant', the professional designations 'Chartered Professional Accountant' or 'Chartered Accountant' or 'Certified Management Accountant' or 'Certified General Accountant' or the initials 'CPA' or 'CA' or 'CMA' or 'CGA' in Saskatchewan.

Authorized by:
William Hill, FCPA, FCA, CMA
Registrar February 8, 2016

CPD AUDIT

All members are eligible for an audit of their reported CPD, and documentation of CPD should be maintained for a minimum of 4 years, as required under Regulatory Board rule 345.5.

WANTED: VOLUNTEERS!



You can give back to the profession by volunteering with CPA Saskatchewan. We are looking for volunteers to sit in our regulatory and advisory committees. Please contact Sherri Schmidt at info@cpask.ca for more details, if you are interested in donating some of your time and expertise to one of our CPA committees.



Members CPA Saskatchewan Cannot Contact

Below are the members that CPA Saskatchewan staff has not been able to contact, and therefore, whom may not have received various communications from CPA Saskatchewan since proclamation of *The Accounting Profession Act*:

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| Sheila Anderson | Richard Nichol |
| Raymond Bentley | Leonard Ordon |
| David Gregoire | R. Paul Shupe |
| J.R. Hill | William Van Sickle |
| Edmund Lacina | Leonard Waddell |
| Andrew Lindsay | |

If you are one of the above noted members or know how to reach anyone listed above, please contact the Registrar at registrar@cpask.ca to provide information or to update your contact information. Your assistance is appreciated.

CPA Saskatchewan



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN **HER COMMUNITY**

Sharlene Arklie, FCPA, FCGA

Sharlene Arklie believes in making a difference and has spent much of her life giving back to her community. Recently, she saw a need in the community and worked hard to fill it. In November 2015, Sharlene founded the philanthropic organization *100 Women Who Care Regina*. It's the first chapter in Saskatchewan. The movement, which began in the United States, now has over 80 chapters across Canada and over 350 around the world in eight different countries.

"This organization comes together with one focus only—to donate to a charity nominated by the membership and we just happen to have a bit of fun while we do it" Sharlene said. "The commitment is only \$100 and one hour four times a year, so it is perfect for today's busy woman. This way, they can get together with 'like-minded' women over a cup of coffee or a glass of wine while hearing how these charities are working to improve our communities. When put together, our small individual donations have a greater impact. What could be better than that?! We are still accepting registrations so if anyone is interested in becoming a member, they can register by visiting our website at 100WomenWhoCareRegina.com."

Sharlene is now serving as a mentor for the *100 Men Who Care Regina* which just received approval and also for a chapter in Airdrie, Alberta. As well, she currently serves on the Wade Moffatt Memorial Gala Organizing Committee for the Saskatchewan Division of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

"Mental health and the stigma of mental health have recently become one of my passions after losing my childhood and lifelong friend, Wade Moffatt, to suicide last August," Sharlene observed. "It is my goal to help raise money and awareness wherever I can so that people who need help cannot only access the programs that they need but, more importantly, that those programs are available to them when they need them. However that takes money and so, if I can contribute in some way, then count me in!"

Her past community service also includes volunteering for Dress for Success Regina for over six years as a board member, treasurer and chair of the Fiscal Sustainability Committee,

as well as, chairing many fundraising events such as the Diva Makeover Event and the Power Walk for Dress for Success.

Sharlene also contributed her time and talents to CGA Saskatchewan, her legacy professional organization, serving as member of the CGA SK Board of Governors, chairing several CGA Board Committees, the CGA Regina Chapter, Conference Committees and other CGA Saskatchewan ad hoc committees and workgroups.

Sharlene received her legacy CGA designation in 1998 and in 2007 she received the CGA Saskatchewan Board of Governors Service Award in recognition of her many years of service. In October 2013, she was awarded a CGA Canada Fellowship (FCGA), for her outstanding contributions. Not only that, for her extensive volunteer work with Dress for Success Regina, Sharlene was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in October 2012.

Sharlene is the Senior Manager, Financial Operations, for the Saskatchewan Teachers' Superannuation Commission, a branch of the Ministry of Education.

Ms. Arklie oversees the financial reporting for the Teachers' Superannuation Plan, Teachers' Voluntary Contributions Fund, Teachers' Disability Benefits Plan, Teachers' Group Life Insurance Plan and the Teachers' Dental Plan. She is responsible for monthly budget forecasting to the Ministry for all of the plans, for the coordination of annual audits with the Provincial Auditors' Office, and for the Financial Operations area.

Sharlene lives in Regina, with her husband and their 11 year old son. Also at home are their miniature schnauzer and two cats. "In my spare time, I enjoy relaxing at our 'summer home' at Sherwood Forest, photography, singing, and reading," Sharlene commented, "and I am a big fan of reality TV shows, especially the *Real Housewives* series...they are one of my guilty pleasures!"

2016 CPA SASKATCHEWAN AGM AND CONFERENCE

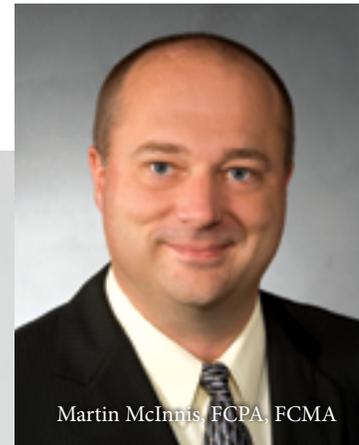
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CPA Saskatchewan invites you to its 2016 AGM and Provincial Conference, to be held on Tuesday, May 24 (evening only) and Wednesday, May 25 (full day), in Regina, in the Queensbury Centre at Evraz Place - 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, Salons A and B.



Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA



Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA



John Gormley

Tuesday, May 24, 2016

5:30 p.m. Register for the conference and pick up your conference package and name tag. Stay a while to network, and enjoy the finger food, music and prize draws! Our Conference MC will be **Shelley Thiel, FCPA, FCA**, CEO of CPA Saskatchewan.

7:30 p.m. **Session 1 – “The Changing Face of the New Saskatchewan – How Demographics Explains Canada’s Turnaround Province”**
John Gormley, Broadcaster, Lawyer and Radio Talk Show Host of *John Gormley Live* (Keynote)

John is a national bestselling author and a former Member of Parliament. Named one of Saskatchewan’s most influential people by the Saskatchewan Business magazine, John’s weekly newspaper column appears in the Saskatoon StarPhoenix and the Regina Leader-Post.

John will explain the forces that have shaped Saskatchewan’s economy. From immigration to a new attitude of younger people choosing Saskatchewan, Gormley argues that the province’s historic identity issues are behind us and a new approach is shaping Saskatchewan public policy.

8:30 p.m. Reception and registration until 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

7:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet and Registration until 8:30 a.m.

8:30 a.m. **Session 2 – CPA Saskatchewan AGM**
Martin McInnis, FCPA, FCMA, Board Chair

The second Annual General Meeting of the members of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan will be held at the Queensbury Convention Centre, Evraz Place, in Salons A and B, 1700 Elphinstone Street, Regina, SK, on Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 8:30 a.m., for the reception of the financial statements of the Institute of Chartered Professional Accountants of Saskatchewan for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2016, together with the auditor’s report thereon, the appointment of the auditor for the current fiscal year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.



**Wednesday,
May 25, 2016**

9:15 a.m. Session 3 – “An Explorer’s Guide to Risk Management” Bruce Kirkby, Award-Winning Explorer, Writer and Photographer (Keynote)

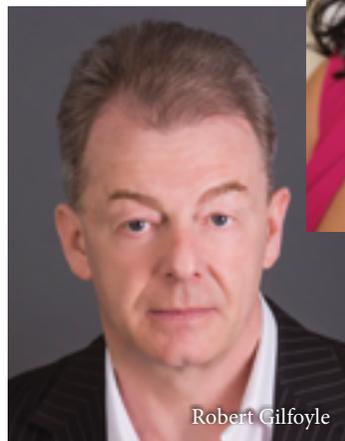
A wilderness writer and adventure photographer, Bruce is recognized for connecting wild places with contemporary issues. With journeys spanning around the world, his accomplishments include the first modern crossing of Arabia’s Empty Quarter by camel, a descent of Ethiopia’s Blue Nile Gorge by raft, a sea-kayak traverse of Borneo’s northern coast, and a coast-to-coast Icelandic trek. Encouraging audiences to get out of their comfort zones, think creatively, and take calculated risks, his belief in human potential is contagious.

Using helicopter crashes, hostage takings and Himalayan avalanches as a dramatic backdrop, Bruce establishes the universal precepts of Risk Management, then quickly moves deeper, exposing the inherent – and widely disregarded – blind-spots that exist within instinct and intuition.

11:00 a.m. Morning Concurrent Sessions:

Session 4A – “Leading in this Technology Driven Age – Part One” Robert Gilfoyle, President, User Adoption Solutions and a Technology User Adoption Expert, a Leading Change Expert, and an Executive and Management Trainer, Facilitator and Keynote Speaker

Rob will discuss technology-driven change. Worried that you are leading tech-savvy Millennials and Gen X’ers, and you don’t have the same level of comfort with technology as they do? Don’t. You don’t need to use Snapchat to gain their respect, they would much rather that you provide the kind of leadership that will enable them to make the most of the exciting opportunities that business technology provides. Case studies, audience participation, and examples will be used to explain the nature of technology-driven change and the profound effects it is having in the workplace.



Session 4B – “Gen Zen: Communicate, Collaborate and Cooperate in the Changing Workplace” Tina Varughese, President, t Works, contributing writer, speaker

Described as a ‘dynamic, engaging, knowledgeable and humorous’ speaker, Tina’s interactive approach is insightful and her delivery is highly entertaining. She breaks down barriers to create a comfortable and fun space where people ask the questions they might otherwise be afraid to ask. In her session you will learn about today’s increasingly multigenerational, multicultural and multifaceted workforce and the opportunities and challenges it brings if not managed effectively. To create trust, collaboration and creative work environments, leaders need to communicate, understand and listen. Does your leadership style reflect “Gen Zen”?

Session 4C – “Fit 4 Work” Bruce Craven, Co-owner, Craven Sports Services

Bruce is a Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), an Associate Clinical Professor, University of Saskatchewan, School of Physical Therapy, a Sessional Lecturer, College of Kinesiology, and a Member of the Canadian Sport Center’s National Sport Medicine and Science Committee. Bruce has traveled internationally as a sport physiotherapist with numerous Canadian National Teams and has extensive experience working with sport programming with athletes competing at provincial, national, international and Olympic/Paralympic competitions.

In the workplace which is driven by profit and productivity, we often lose sight of those things that limit the productivity of our most costly expense: the human working machine. Bruce’s session will provide insight into the habits that must be created to ensure healthy habits in your employees and achieve profit and productivity in the workplace.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

Noon Lunch Buffet – Foyer

1:30 p.m. Afternoon Concurrent Sessions:
Same presentations as in the morning concurrent sessions, except Session 5A which is a continuation of the morning Session 4A.

Session 5A – “Leading in this Technology Driven Age – Part Two” Robert Gilfoyle

The focus of Rob’s part two presentation will be on ‘how-to’s’ – how to harness good leadership practices with digital technology to improve the quality of teamwork and problem solving. Rob will demonstrate software called Yammer that can be used to improve the quality of cross-functional collaboration. This concurrent session builds upon the “Leading in this Technology Driven Age – Part One” session presented earlier in the conference, and also works as a stand-alone session.

Session 5B – “Gen Zen: Communicate, Collaborate and Cooperate in the Changing Workplace” Tina Varughese

Session 5C – “Fit 4 Work” Bruce Craven

3:00 p.m. Session 6 – “Making a Difference” Steve Gilliland, Master Storyteller, Businessman and Hall of Fame Speaker (Keynote)

A member of the Speaker Hall of Fame, Steve Gilliland is one of the most in-demand and top-rated speakers in the world. Recognized as a master storyteller and brilliant comedian, he can be heard daily on SiriusXM Radio’s Laugh USA. With an appeal that transcends barriers style—Steve shows audiences how to open doors to success in their careers, their relationships and their lives. Presenting to over 250,000 people a year, more than two million have now heard him speak, with audiences encompassing nearly three dozen industries. Steve has the distinction of speaking in all 50 states and in 15 countries.

Focusing on the conscious choices we make every day that impact the lives of others, this presentation is an eye-opening and heartfelt keynote detailing how to positively influence people in every imaginable way, regardless of position or status. Each of us has the potential to transform the culture of an organization through our actions and attitude.



Steve Gilliland

2016 CPA SASKATCHEWAN AGM AND CONFERENCE REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The downloadable conference registration form is posted on the CPA SK website at cpask.ca

Early bird deadline is May 5, 2016.

Registration Fees

	Before May 5	After May 5
CPA members	\$500	\$600
Candidates	\$300	\$400
Non-Members	\$600	\$700

Registration fees do not include GST.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

Cancellations will be accepted until May 13, 2016, for a refund. After May 13, no refunds, but substitutions are welcome.

Group Discounts

With five full registrations, receive the sixth one free! All six registrants must be from the same company and registered at the same time to qualify.

CPD

Conference participants who attend the full conference will earn 8 CPD hours!

Hotel Accommodations

A number of guest rooms are available at the following hotels in Regina:

Delta Regina Hotel

1919 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina.
Phone: 306-525-5255

Under group number CP7. Rate is \$165 per night plus tax for the night of May 24.

Deadline to book rooms is April 23, 2016.

Wingate by Wyndham Regina

1700 Broad Street, Regina.
Phone: 306-584-7400

Under group name CGCPAS. Rate is \$139 per night plus tax for the nights of May 24 and/or 25.

Complimentary hot continental buffet breakfast included.

Deadline to book rooms is April 23, 2016.

Registrants are responsible for their own hotel accommodations and parking. Please contact the hotel directly to make your reservations.

MEMBER SERVICES MATTERS

CPA MEMBER RENEWAL AND FEES FOR 2016-2017

On April 1, 2016, CPA members should have received an email from CPA Saskatchewan regarding the 2016-2017 Member Renewal, including payment of fees.

To renew your membership, visit member.cpsask.ca. You will need your member ID number to login. Members are required to follow the renewal steps online at the member's page, including the submission of their declaration. Once those steps are complete, the member must pay for their fees online by credit card with Visa or MasterCard or by cheque payable to CPA Saskatchewan. Payments over the phone will not be accepted.

Members may apply for a fee exemption if they qualify for Permanent or Temporary Non-practice Status or if they believe they qualify for an exemption due to other Special Circumstances. Members can apply for an exemption online during the fees renewal process.

In addition, members will be able to update their profile as part of the renewal process. Please ensure that your contact information is always up-to-date, especially your email address and phone numbers.

Please check that you received the April 1 email. In the meantime, if you have questions on the above, please contact CPA Saskatchewan at info@cpsask.ca or by phone at (306) 359-0272.

KUDOS TO...

Angie Guevara Cabrales, CPA, CA, and her husband Juan Rodriguez, on the birth of their baby daughter, Annie Rodriguez, on November 8, 2015.

Allan Lorezca, CPA, CGA, and his wife, Sherley Lorezca, CPA, CGA, on the birth of their baby girl, Leisha Jania, on January 20, 2016.

Brian Ludwig, CPA, CMA, on presenting the CPA Financial Literacy Program session on "Effective Tax Strategies" at the Regina Public Library.

Kathryn Wild, CPA, CMA, on being named one of CBC Saskatchewan Future 40 for 2015.

Kudos to the following members who promoted the CPA profession by organizing or presenting at the Chinook School Division Career Expo held in Swift Current and Maple Creek: Darcy Condon, Candidate, Laura Downey, CPA, CA, Larry Kozun, FCPA, FCMA, Jeremy Rondeau, CPA, CA, Ashley Stradeski, CPA, CA, and Dena Weiss, CPA, CMA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The 2015-2016 PD season came to a close in March 2016. We had over 2,800 registrants attending over 140 courses. Thank you to those who participated in this season's courses. Our thanks also go to our instructors who led the PD sessions.

Members can look forward to the 2016-2017 PD season. The course line up will be announced in August 2016.

For registration inquiries, contact [Rhonda Day](#) at (306) 337.2836.

For course content inquiries, contact [Shelley Lukasewich](#), CPA, CGA at (306) 337.2841.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you interested in sharing your passion for the CPA profession?

CPA Saskatchewan is currently looking for member volunteers to man the CPA Saskatchewan booth at the following high school career fairs:

- Sun West School Division "Roads to Success" Career Fair, Rosetown – Thursday, May 5th, 2016
- Prince Albert Grand Council – Urban Services with St. Mary High School Career Symposium, Prince Albert – Thursday, May 5th, 2016
- Assiniboia & District Chamber of Commerce Career & Business Expo, Assiniboia – Tuesday, September 27th, 2016

The time commitment is approximately 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Please feel free to volunteer for all or a portion of this time. There is also the potential opportunity at these career fairs for a session presentation where you can speak to the career opportunities of Becoming a CPA.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, or would like your name added to a list should there be opportunities in your area in the future, please contact [Rita Bennett](#) at (306) 337-4851.

CPA SASKATCHEWAN'S FALL 2016 CONVOCATION SAVE THE DATE

The next CPA SK Convocation Ceremony and Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, October 1, 2016, in Regina, at the Queensbury Centre, for all graduates of the legacy CGA program. Invitations to all eligible graduates will be sent out later in June.

RESOURCES, PROGRAMS, PROFESSIONAL UPDATES AND EVENTS

Raising charity tax issues with the CRA just got easier

CPAs who volunteer or work with Canadian charities can encounter complex tax issues that are unique to the sector. Now CPAs have a new route for raising these issues with the Canada Revenue Agency. [Gabe Hayos' recent Tax Blog](#) post talks about a new CRA forum you can use to bring up tax issues and propose ideas specific to the charitable sector.

Get the latest in tax with CPA Canada's tax update

Stay on top of Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's tax advocacy work, news and information with [this quarterly update](#). See highlights from blogs, professional news and webinars relevant to the tax community.

Finance considers fixes for trust taxation

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada and others have called on Finance Canada to fix problems created by the 2014 changes to the taxation of spousal and similar "life interest" trusts. [In a recent letter](#), Finance Canada lays out some options for resolving these problems.

Tax time tools

Make tax season more manageable with CPA Canada's library of tax time tools. These valuable resources are designed to provide you with quick answers and practical guidance that will help you manage risk, save valuable time and increase productivity this busy tax season.

To find out more, visit: cpacanada.ca/taxtimetools-pab

Is "follow your passion" bad advice?

Parents want their kids to be happy. But are we steering them wrong when we insist they should do what they love and the money will follow?

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's Tamar Satov considers the effectiveness of "follow your passion" as advice for teens in a [recent Financial Literacy Blog post](#).

Here's how Horizon Utilities Corporation is tackling the impacts of climate change

In this [latest climate change adaptation case study](#) from Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, learn how accountants at electricity distributor Horizon use their objectivity and broad business background to support the company's risk management process to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

To 2017 and beyond

Would you let a digital assistant suggest which clothes to buy? Or artificial intelligence advise you on where to invest? If such technologies sound decades away, get ready: they'll be here sooner than you think.

Imagine a world where you can have anything you can afford, where you don't have to hunt deals because they hunt you, where you can print replacement parts for office or household items at the local mall or pay for a product with nothing but your smartphone and your fingerprint. That may seem futuristic, but all that is either already here or coming sooner than you might think.

Gartner Inc., a New York-based technology research and advisory company, [recently released its top predictions](#) on how digital innovations will dramatically change the way we shop and do business over the course of the next few years. Gartner's forecast – along with that from several tech and shopping experts – may not be the utopia you've been hoping for, but there is still a lot to get excited about. For the full article visit the CPA Canada website.



Investment Planning



Accurately assessing emotional risk tolerance and other key factors in client investment comfort can make a huge difference in successfully managing retirement investment portfolios.

Client comfort is a key component in successful investment planning. How can you best assess a person's risk tolerance, while helping match their assets and cash flow with spending?

Assessing True Risk Tolerance, namely:

- financial capacity
- emotional capacity

While the financial capacity for risk is ruled by the client's numbers, emotional capacity can be improved over the long term through consistent education and building risk tolerance over time. For the full article please visit the CPA Canada website.

CPA Canada Webinar: Grow your capacity for career success

This June 7, 2016 webinar focuses on your capacity to grow, meet challenges and take on greater responsibility, all of which are key ingredients for career success.

Many people don't recognize their own ability to evolve, progress and attain their goals. As a result, they may stay stuck and ultimately be passed over for career advancement opportunities. Presented by Crystal Campbell, PCC.

Looking back on IFRS updates in 2015

International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs) continue to evolve and keeping up to date on the new accounting standards, interpretations, and annual improvements can be challenging.

To help you, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada has developed a [Financial Reporting Alert](#) that highlights new standards, interpretations, narrow scope amendments and annual improvements, and proposes an action plan for implementing these changes.

Stay on track with CPA Canada's Model Financial Statements*

If you prepare financial statements for private enterprises, private sector not-for-profit organizations, or public companies, CPA Canada's Model Financial Statements can help you stay on track. These handy guides offer models, explanations, notes and exhibits of financial statements that reflect the standards in the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting. Additionally, each publication comes with a CD of Word or Excel templates to help you maintain consistency in your work while addressing the differing needs of your clients or your business.

Order your copy today!
Visit cpacanada.ca/mfs-pab

*Developed by CPA Québec

CPA Canada and FEI Canada: The state of enterprise risk management in Canada

Find insights from Canadian financial executives on how their organizations are managing enterprise risk in today's uncertain economic environment in this research report jointly produced by CPA Canada and FEI Canada.

To download your copy, visit the [CPA Canada website](#).

IT risk management tips for small business

Looking to advise your small business clients on managing their IT risks?

Using a fictional case study, Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's *Effective IT Risk Management for Small Businesses* demonstrates the consequences that can arise when a company isn't vigilant about protecting against or preparing for technology-related risks. The publication provides practical strategies and solutions your clients can use to enhance their security and protect their data.

Download your copy of [Effective IT Risk Management for Small Businesses](#).

Reflecting on enhancing audit quality in 2015

The audit world has seen a number of positive developments in 2015 in support of enhancing audit quality, but it's up to us to determine what works and will be best for the Canadian environment.

In his last [Audit Quality Blog](#) of 2015, CPA Canada's Eric Turner looks back on what was top of mind for policymakers on enhancing audit quality during the year and how audit could develop in 2016.

HOT TOPICS

CPA Saskatchewan regularly issues news releases about a wide range of topics, including regulatory requirements, standards of professional practice, the Uniform Rules of Professional Conduct and commentary on current business issues. Visit the [CPA SK Website](#) under "Hot Topics."

Learn from the best in corporate reporting

Goldcorp Inc. emerged as a new titan at the CPA Canada Awards of Excellence in Corporate Reporting in December.

Twenty-one awards were presented at a gala in Toronto's financial district attended by Canada's reporting elite. [Learn from the companies](#) that impressed the judges in 2015. Stay tuned for the 2016 call for entries this spring.

Guide to ASPE: Improve your Knowledge

Improve your knowledge and understanding of the requirements in Part II of the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting with the Guide to Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises. The Guide helps accounting professionals apply the accounting standards that were developed specifically for private Canadian enterprises. Using illustrative examples, charts and diagrams, the guide will provide you with a solid platform to exercise sound judgment when applying ASPE to financial reporting problems that arise on the application of Part II of the CPA Canada Handbook. To purchase the Guide visit the CPA Canada website.



CPA Canada launches new E-newsletter, PD and Events guide

The *PD and Events Guide* is Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's new bi-weekly E-newsletter that highlights programming to help enhance your professional development. The Guide is a customizable compilation of CPA Canada conferences, courses, E-learning and events that are most relevant to you, delivered directly to your inbox based on the topics and interests you identify in CPA Canada's [Preference Centre](#). A companion to *Member News*, the Guide focuses on professional learning and development.

Your personalized and customizable Guide features three main sections:

- **feature story:** a look at the latest professional development trends; for example, read about [nano-learning](#), [investment planning](#) and [cyber security](#)
- **personal picks:** professional development opportunities based on your attendance at past CPA conferences or events and the events you selected in the My Events Notification section in the preference centre
- **topics:** opportunities based on the topics you've indicated an interest in the My Topics section in the preference centre, including taxation, management accounting, finance, strategy and governance and much more

An ocean of useful material is available from CPA Canada to enhance your professional development. Make sure you're in the right stream by selecting your preferences. This ensures that you receive content from us that best suits your needs.

For a full list of CPA Canada's professional development offerings, [click here](#).



Specialized HST/GST Courses

These specialized tax courses are delivered by expert faculty and available at any time in an e-learning format. The e-learning format allows you to access recordings or the full modularized two day live course online, complete with detailed reference materials, slides and quiz checkpoints. The courses are also available in person in Toronto:

- [Financial Services](#)
May 9-10, 2016
- [Cross-Border Transactions](#)
May 11-12, 2016
- [Public Sector Bodies](#)
May 26-27, 2016

Network with your peers at a CPA Canada conference

Get up to speed on the latest issues affecting your industry by attending a CPA Canada conference. Enjoy the added benefits that come from networking with your peers and industry leaders. With thought-provoking sessions and high profile keynote speakers, CPA Canada offers several conferences throughout the year geared towards specific industries and unique practice areas, such as the oil and gas industry, audit committees, IT audit, public sector, commodity tax and not-for-profit.

In addition to these unique conferences, CPA Canada also hosts an annual member conference that is the must-attend, multi-track event of the year. This year, The ONE National Conference is jointly presented with CPA BC and will take place September 19-20, 2016 in Vancouver.

What's new on CPA Canada's Tax Blog

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's Tax Blog helps inform its public interest advocacy positions and welcomes comments from readers. Check out the latest blog posts:

CRA e-Services: What's new, what's needed? Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) is bringing more services and data online, making tax compliance simpler and easier for tax preparers and their clients. [In this blog post](#), CPA Canada's Gabe Hayos discusses some of the new services in the works and encourages readers to share their priorities in using these programs.

New form T1135: What's changed? The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)'s most recent version of Form T1135 for reporting foreign property is now available. [Learn what's new in this blog post](#) by CPA Canada's Gabe Hayos.

The latest from CPA Canada's Financial Literacy Blog

Join our expert bloggers as they share top tips and personal stories to help you get on the right track to making smart financial decisions. Here are some of the latest posts:

Is money all about math? Research shows that learning more math has a positive impact on students' financial outcomes. CPA Canada's Tamar Satov explores the importance of teaching basic math skills [in this blog post](#).

Getting to know Canada's tax system. Tax season is just around the corner, but how many of us really understand our tax system? [In this blog post](#), John Tucciarone, CPA, CMA, provides an easy-to-understand guide to tax in Canada for those in the dark.

Help your clients achieve their financial goals with the Family Trust Guide

A practical tool for distribution to clients, *The Family Trust Guide* provides over 70 pages of discussion that will help your clients more knowledgeably consider the tax and estate planning benefits of creating a family trust. With a helpful checklist and easy-to-understand examples, it will help your clients organize their thoughts and documents before meeting with you, their tax advisor, to discuss their plans.

Climate change and Canadian businesses: The good, the bad and the realistic

As an accountant, you have an opportunity to change the way you think about climate change and its impact on your business.

This free briefing, the first in a three-part series by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada, provides accountants with tips on helping organizations to adapt to and plan for the effects of climate change.

Download your copy of [BRIEF #1: A Primer on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation](#).



Boost your risk management strategy using new findings

Find insights from Canadian financial executives on how their organizations are managing enterprise risk in today's uncertain economic environment in this research report jointly produced by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada) and Financial Executives International Canada (FEI Canada).

Download your free copy of [The State of Enterprise Risk Management in Canada](#), which summarizes the results from an online survey from 320 professional accountants and financial executives. The report also includes deeper insights from an executive roundtable discussion representing a broad range of industry sectors, organization sizes and ownership structures.

Need tips on developing your MD&A disclosures on liquidity & capital resources? This alert is here to help

To make sound decisions, investors need information about their investment target's liquidity and related risks, and capital resources. Canadian securities laws require a public company to provide full disclosure of material information about such aspects of its business within Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A).

Download Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's [Reporting alert: Preparing MD&A discussion of liquidity & capital resources](#) to help you get started on these important disclosures in your MD&A. The alert presents a series of questions and factors for preparers of MD&A to consider as they develop their disclosures around liquidity and capital resources.

Reporting alert tackles the CSA's latest amendments to reporting & governance obligations

Learn about the amendments to the continuous disclosure and governance obligations of venture issuers in a new reporting alert by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada. The report also provides a suggested action plan to implement the changes relating to the new “quarterly highlights” report.

Download your free copy of [Reporting alert: New reporting and governance requirements for venture issuers](#).

Get to know IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) guide examines and explains the application of IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements from a Canadian perspective.

Get your copy of [IFRS 10 – Guide to International Financial Reporting Standards in Canada: IFRS 10 Consolidated Financial Statements](#).

Familiarize yourself with IAS 7 Statement of cash flows

This guide by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada provides examination and explanation of the application of IAS 7 Statement of Cash Flows from a Canadian perspective.

Access the guide [IAS 7 - Guide to International Financial Reporting Standards in Canada: IAS 7 Statement of cash flows](#).

Updated version! Auditor's guide for electoral district associations appointed under the Canada Elections Act

If you have been engaged to report on an electoral district association, this guide by Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada will help you understand your responsibilities as auditor and provide guidance on how to apply auditing standards in this situation.

Download the recently updated version of [Auditor's guide for electoral district associations appointed under the Canada Elections Act](#).

Introducing Knotia's new look and more

CPA Canada's online research platform, [Knotia](#) just got a makeover. We've upgraded the look and feel to better align with the CPA Canada brand, and added the features and functionality you've been asking for to make your research experience even smarter, faster and easier.

Enhancements include:

- Highlighters – highlight important text within the database so you can find it even faster
- My Notes – add and save your personal notes to the online database
- My Pinboard – pin documents and searches so you can retrieve them quickly

Home of the CPA Canada Standards and Guidance Collection (CPA Canada Handbook), the newly redesigned Knotia interface allows you to access your online subscriptions and easily search, save and share documents from more than 130 tax, business and accounting titles.

[Find out more](#) about what's new on Knotia today!

Recently on CPA Canada's Audit Quality Blog

Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada's Audit Quality Blog is designed to create an exchange of ideas on global audit quality developments and issues, and their impact in Canada. Here are the latest posts:

IAASB consultation seeks input on professional skepticism, quality control and group audits

To drive meaningful changes in audit quality, Canadian stakeholders need to look at the uniqueness of the Canadian market and provide input to the IAASB's consultation in that context. [In this blog post](#), CPA Canada's Eric Turner encourages readers to provide input to the IAASB's ITC and provides his thoughts on what they should consider.

The AASB draws the roadmap to more responsive assurance standards

The AASB's recent standard-setting activities confirmed that enhancing audit quality is an ongoing focus. [In this blog post](#), CPA Canada's Eric Turner pushes readers to consider getting more engaged with the AASB to achieve this goal.

CPA Canada Federal Budget Commentary

CPA Canada's federal budget commentary for 2016 provides a timely, insightful analysis of changes to business, taxation and other measures addressed in the federal budget. The commentary is posted at cpacanada.ca.



Upcoming CPA Canada professional development courses

Enhance your professional development by enrolling in one of CPA Canada's upcoming courses:

Not-for-Profit

[Translating Strategy Into Action: A Guide for Senior Not-for-Profit Leaders](#)

May 30-31 & August 24-25, 2016
Toronto, ON

This advanced multi-stage workshop is designed to meet the business needs of senior not-for-profit executives. Learn how to lead strategic organizational change and meet successful performance targets as you navigate key challenges facing your NFP.

Indirect Tax

[In-Depth HST/GST Course](#)

May 29 – June 3, 2016
Niagara Falls, ON

Whether you are a new commodity tax professional or an experienced practitioner, this comprehensive indirect tax training course is the industry standard. This in-depth offering begins with web-based, self-study lessons to bring you up to speed on the basics of indirect tax, and is followed-up by six days of intensive in-residence lectures and small facilitated workgroups.

Public Sector

[Public Sector Financial Reporting and Accounting Course](#)

May 16-18, 2016 (third day optional)
Toronto, ON

The latest public sector course focuses on finance and accounting, with the practical application of PSAB standards in real-life government situations.

20 questions directors should ask about internal audit

Our newly updated document provides insightful answers to 20 questions directors should ask internal audit practitioners to ensure organizations build value effectively in today's complex risk environment.

The complexity of business risk has increased substantially since we published our original *20 Questions Directors Should Ask About Internal Audit* document. Factors driving this growth include:

- growing cyber-based issues
- increasing regulation
- uncertain political and economic situations
- increased focus on sustainable development and the environment
- frequent natural disasters

As a result, expectations are much higher today for internal audit professionals to evolve, create and preserve sustainable value for stakeholders.

This updated document provides an essential checklist of questions and responses that reflect the changing landscape of evolving roles in governance, risk, compliance and future value. The document is intended to inform insightful discussion among directors, audit committee and board members, management, and internal audit professionals.

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AFTER HOURS

Lefty Wilkie

Aldon Jay “Lefty” Wilkie (October 30, 1914 - August 5, 1992) was a Canadian-born professional baseball player. The native of Zealandia, Saskatchewan, was a left-handed pitcher who worked in 68 games pitched, 12 as a starter, in the Major Leagues over three seasons for the Pittsburgh Pirates (1941-1942; 1946). He stood 5 feet 11 inches (1.80 m) tall and weighed 175 pounds (79 kg).

Wilkie’s professional career began in 1937. After winning 13 games for the 1940 Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League, Wilkie was acquired by the Pirates that August. He appeared in 26 games during the 1941 season, and another 35 games in 1942. During his rookie campaign, he pitched the only shutout of his MLB career, blanking the Philadelphia Phillies 5-0 on six hits on June 19, 1941.

Wilkie served in the 36th Infantry Division of the United States Army in the European Theater of Operations during World War II, and was out of professional baseball from 1943–1945. When he returned to the Pirates in 1946, he appeared in seven games but was ineffective, compiling an earned run average of 10.57 in 72/3 innings pitched.

During his time in the Major Leagues, Wilkie allowed 215 hits and 80 bases on balls in 194 innings pitched, with 37 strikeouts, three complete games and three saves. He then returned to minor league baseball, playing through 1951.

Starbucks to open first coffee shop in Italy

Starbucks is taking its boldest step yet by opening its first store in Italy. The American coffee chain promised to enter the birthplace of the espresso “with humility and respect”.

The first Starbucks will open in Milan early next year, in partnership with Italian developer Percassi. It was a trip to Milan in the 1980s where he saw locals gathered at coffee bars that inspired Howard Schultz, chairman and chief executive of Starbucks, to set up a coffee shop in America. The chain now has 22,000 outlets in 67 countries.

Mr Percassi said: “We know that we are going to face a unique challenge with the opening of the first Starbucks store in Italy, the country of coffee, and we are confident that Italian people are ready to live the Starbucks experience, as already occurs in many other markets.”

Despite the country’s long cultural and historical links with coffee – the espresso machine was invented in Italy – it is only the seventh-largest consumer of the beverage in Europe.

According to the European Coffee Federation, Finland consumed the most coffee in Europe in the year to May 2014 – the most recent figures available – followed by Austria and Sweden.

Gold bars given to tsunami victims from mystery benefactor

At least three people in the small Japanese fishing port of Ishinomaki have received gold bars from a mystery benefactor through the post. In total, the gold bars received so far are thought to be worth around \$250,000.

The town was devastated by the 2011 tsunami, and most of it has still not been rebuilt.

The townspeople say they do not know who has sent the gold, but they hope to use it to restore the area.

Fruit and veggies go digital in South America



A start-up founded by Colombians with no former experience in retail is aiming to shake up the way people buy groceries online.

Tech firm Grability has developed Rappi, a smartphone app that aims to make shopping as easy as swiping your finger across a screen.

Instead of laboriously wading through long written lists of food items, shoppers swipe through images of supermarket shelves and touch pictorial representations of each food item they want to buy.

Grability has applied for a patent – pending in the US – for this swiping process, but it also handles the back-end platform that integrates the app with retailers’ systems.

When the shopping is done and the order is placed, a delivery person, which the company calls a “rappitendero”, selects the items from the stores and delivers them to the customer.

Leap Year

In Ireland and Britain, some believe the tradition that women may propose marriage only in leap years. It has been claimed that the tradition was initiated in 5th century Ireland. Supposedly, a 1288 law by Queen Margaret of Scotland required that fines be levied if a marriage proposal was refused and compensation was deemed to be a pair of leather gloves, a single rose, £1 and a kiss.



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