



E-SCAN is a regular newsletter distributed electronically as a means of maintaining timely communication of, and encouraging a dialogue on, topics relevant to Chartered Accountants and students of the Nova Scotia Institute. Copies of recent issues can be obtained from the Institute website at www.icans.ns.ca under "Publications" then "E-SCAN."

DO YOU KNOW AN OUTSTANDING CA?

If so, we'd like to hear from you! ICANS is gearing up for its annual **CA of the Year** and **FCA 'Call for Nominations.'** You'll find information and nomination forms for both awards in your August mailing, as well as on the Institute website. The deadline for both nominations is creeping up, so let's get the ball rolling!

Ross L. Towler CA of the Year Award — The CA of the Year Award was created in 1996 as an annual recognition for Nova Scotia CAs. Then, in 1997, the award was renamed the *Ross L. Towler CA of the Year Award*, as a tribute to the Institute's former executive director, Ross Towler, FCA, upon his retirement. In particular, the award honours CAs who have voluntarily made a strong and significant contribution to the success of their community. **HINT:** Our Selection Committee is looking for complete profiles, so remember to include info regarding all of the nominee's volunteer experiences, not just his/her contribution to one organization. To access a CA of the Year nomination form, click on the following link: <http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=237>.

The deadline for CA of the Year nominations is September 16, 2005

To date, nine outstanding CAs have received this special award, including:

- 1996** **Michael O'Shea**, CA, CFP, Berkshire Securities Inc., Sydney
Nominated by the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation
- 1997** **Stephen Maltby**, CA, BMO Nesbitt Burns, Amherst
Nominated by the YMCA of Cumberland
- 1998** **Daniel Gibson**, CA, The Shaw Group Limited, Halifax
Nominated by the Central Dartmouth Minor Baseball Association
- 1999** **Loretta Kalkman (Bourke)**, CA, Raymond F. Bishop, Wolfville
Nominated by the Evangeline Club
- 2000** **John MacKinnon**, CA, UCCB, Sydney
Nominated by The Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton
- 2001** **Darryl Haley**, CA, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Moncton
Nominated by Reaching Out Youth & Mental Health Inc.
- 2002** **Jim Eisenhauer**, CA, PEng, ABCO Group Ltd, Lunenburg
Nominated by the St. John's Anglican Church Restoration Campaign Committee
- 2003** **Judy Steele**, CA, Emera Inc.
Nominated by the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Atlantic Chapter
- 2004** **Darren Nantes**, CA, Nantes Group Ltd. (Argo Flooring/Twin City Painting)
Nominated by the Children's Wish Foundation and the Maritime NHL'ers for Kids

Fellow Chartered Accountant (FCA) — All CAs who have been a member in good standing of ICANS for at least 15 years or who have been a member in good standing of one or more Provincial Institutes/Ordre for at least 15 years, are eligible to be nominated for this prestigious award. That said, members of the Institute's Honors Committee are not eligible. The names of past FCA recipients can be found on the Institute website at <http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=238> and nomination forms for this year's award process can be accessed at <http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=326>.

The deadline for FCA nominations is September 23, 2005

If you have any questions, please contact ICANS at (902) 425-3291.

Nomination forms for both awards can be mailed to:

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia
c/o The Honors Committee
1791 Barrington Street, Suite 1101, Halifax, NS, B3J 3L1

Thank you and remember . . . both of these awards present a wonderful opportunity to recognize your colleagues and to raise awareness among all our key stakeholders for the importance of volunteerism and career commitment within our profession and within our greater community. As such, your time and effort in making a nomination is greatly appreciated!



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HAVE YOU SELECTED YOUR 2005 FALL/WINTER PD COURSES?

While thoughts of 'school' may not be foremost on your mind as you relish in these last few weeks of summer, the **deadline to purchase your PD Passport** is sooner than you think — **Friday, October 28th!**

If you've yet to receive your PD brochure in the mail, look for it soon (it's coming!), and when it arrives, schedule some quiet time to review the courses and decide which sessions best pertain to your area of interest and/or need.

And finally, if you have any questions or concerns related to PD and course selection, **Soula** and **Kathie** are always ready to help. You can contact them at skeramaris@icans.ns.ca or kslaunwhite@icans.ns.ca, respectively, or by calling the Institute at (902) 425-3291.



THE NEW QUALITY CONTROL STANDARDS: IS YOUR PRACTICE PREPARED?

The Quality Control standards issued in 2004 have raised the bar on engagement quality. As a result, accounting firms must now (and many for the first time) develop and document policies, ranging from hiring practices to independent file quality reviews.

To this end, CICA has published a sample Quality Assurance Manual (QAM) and ICANS is offering a one-day seminar to educate and assist firms in producing their individual Quality Control Manual (QCM). The CICA manual is a comprehensive, practical tool intended to help a firm develop and implement a functioning quality control system. Such a system would ensure that the firm and its personnel comply with professional standards, as well as regulatory and legal requirements, while also ensuring reports issued by the firm are appropriate in the circumstances. Ongoing updates of the manual will keep firms current with new requirements, best practices, and cost-effective strategies for managing quality control policies and procedures.

The ICANS workshop is intended to guide practitioners through the process to comply with the aforementioned CICA Handbook sections. Utilizing the QAM throughout, the one-day workshop is designed to be interactive and encourage participants to think about why quality control measures are needed in their firm and how they might be implemented. Participants are encouraged to work on developing their firm's QC manual during the day. **Since it is not an option, but a required feature of continuing as a public accounting firm to have a QC system in place and functional**, the workshop is an invaluable tool for firms to utilize in the coming months. Several workshops have been scheduled during the fall to make it possible for firms to get the information they need as conveniently and efficiently as possible. Workshop registration details have been sent to all practicing offices and are also included in ICANS' 2005 Fall/Winter PD brochure.

Note: QAM manuals cost \$175 (plus HST and shipping & handling). To order yours', copy and paste the following link into your internet explorer to download the CICA Information and Productivity Resources brochure - then see page 12 (*Note: Owning a copy of the QAM is a prerequisite for attending this workshop*):

http://www.cica.ca/multimedia/Download_Library/Services_and_Products/Information_and_Productivity_Resources/CICA_Product_Listing.pdf

And remember . . . the CICA Handbook Section on GENERAL STANDARDS FOR FIRMS (GSF-QC) and 5030—Quality Control Procedures for Assurance Engagements, requires that all CA firms that conduct audit and review engagements must be in adherence to the new Handbook provisions by **December 1, 2005**. If you have any questions regarding the QAM or workshops, please contact **Wenda Bennett** at wbennett@icans.ns.ca or (902) 425-3291.

To access a registration form re: the QAM seminar, click on:
<http://www.icans.ns.ca/media/documents/QualityAssuranceFlyer.pdf>





IN THE NEWS

CAs are highly respected business leaders and as such, they are often sought for their opinions on a variety of issues. To this end, the following member graciously volunteered his time and expertise in responding to a recent media request:

Phil Rossiter, CA, CBV, Partner, Dockrill Horwich Rossiter Chartered Accountants, Halifax.

HERE AND THERE WITH MEMBERS

Kenneth Ansems, CA, previously with PAR Management and Consulting Services in Truro, NS, is now a Senior Manager with Meyers Norris Penny in Nanaimo, BC.

Christopher Britton, CA, previously with Maritime Life Assurance Co. in Halifax, NS, is now a National Estate and Tax Planning Consultant for Canada Life.

Dean Mullin, CA, previously with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, is now the Canadian Tax Manager for Cendant Canada Inc. in Saint John, NB.

Shawn Rovers, CA, previously employed with WBLI Chartered Accountants in Bedford, NS, is now the Budget Analyst for the College of the North Atlantic in Doha, Qatar.

Nancy Tower, FCA, Vice-President, Customer Relations, Nova Scotia Power Inc., has been named Acting Chief Financial Officer of the utility and its parent firm, Emera Inc. The move follows the resignation of CFO Randy Henderson.

IN MEMORIAM

We regret to inform you that the following members have passed away:

David Staples, CA
Richard Warren, CA

NEW MEMBERS

The following individual was recently admitted to membership through affiliation:

Marina Terdik, CA

RESIGNATIONS

The following individuals have resigned their memberships, effective April 30, 2005 (Note: most members who resign are non-residents and are members of another Provincial Institute):

Gerard Adams
Erin McDonnell Oldman

RETIRED

William Somers, CA, was granted retirement status, effective May 1, 2005.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer opportunities are posted regularly on the ICANS web site at www.icans.ns.ca under 'Members.' Currently, the following opportunity is available:

Treasurer —Dartmouth Day Care Centre

COMMUNITY CORNER



It's no secret that CAs are extremely community-minded. In fact, many of our members are involved in local/national charities and non-profit organizations, and help to coordinate important events like the following:

- What:** 1st Annual Autism Golf Ball
When: October 22, 2005, 6 pm
Where: The Port Royal Golf & Country Club—a.k.a. The Port Royal Ballroom, World Trade & Convention Centre, Halifax
In Support of: The Provincial Autism Centre
Contact: **Jane Roy**, CA, Vice Chair, Organizing Committee & Past Chair, Provincial Autism Centre at: (902) 491-2901 (w), (902) 835-7258 (h) or theroys@accesswave.ca
Event Website: <http://www.autismcentre.ns.ca/golfball/>

- What:** 2005 Saint Mary's University Alumni Dinner "Back to the 80s!"
When: October 12, 2005
Where: Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Nova Scotia Ballroom
In Support of: Saint Mary's University Alumni
Contact: Jamie Welsch, CA, Event Chair at: jawelsh@deloitte.ca or (902) 422-854

Note: If you are a CA involved with a non-profit organization that's planning an event and you'd like to share this info with other ICANS members, let us know!

Send your info (title, date, location, charity name, contact, etc.) to communication@icans.ns.ca and ICANS will promote it in E-SCAN's 'Community Corner.'

Space is limited (only two events per column), so please submit your info early and remember, the contact person for the event must be a CA!

Career OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEB

Did you know that career postings are added on a regular basis to the Institute's web site (www.icans.ns.ca)? Log on for details about the following:

- General Manager, Finance** — Halifax, NS
- Business Unit Controller** — North Sydney, NS
- Manager, Investor Relations & Corporate Finance** — Halifax, NS
- Chartered Accountants** — Western Canada
- CA Student & Accounting Technician** — Dartmouth, NS
- Entry Level CA Students, CAs & Managers** — Calgary, AB
- Director of Finance** — Halifax, NS
- Manager-Financial Reporting** — Halifax, NS
- Internal Auditor** — Halifax, NS
- Director, Internal Audit and Security** — Halifax, NS

Note: Other career opportunities, together with valuable information and guidance on career counseling, etc., can be found at "CA Source," on the CICA web site (www.cica.ca).

PRACTICE FOR SALE

Contact **Marguerite Overington**, BA, CMA, CFP
600 East Chezzetcook Road, Head of Chezzetcook, NS, B0J 1N0
Tel: 902.827.7010, Fax: 902.827.7010, Email: moverington@accesswave.ca

Closing date: September 30th, 2005. For more info, see Career Opportunities on the Institute's web site at www.icans.ns.ca.

REMINDERS—IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- ◆ **UFE**
September 13 - 15, 2005
- ◆ **Atlantic Provinces Tax Seminar, Saint Mary's University, Halifax**
October 21 - 22, 2005
- ◆ **Practitioners Forum Glengarry Inn, Truro**
October 28, 2005
- ◆ **IFA Conference, Toronto, ON**
November 7 - 8, 2005
- ◆ **CFP Examination**
November 19, 2005
- ◆ **ICANS' PD Week**
November 21- 25, 2005
- ◆ **Bank of Canada Presentation, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax**
November 24, 2005
- ◆ **Members' Luncheon, Casino Nova Scotia Hotel, Halifax**
December 16, 2005
- ◆ **Convocation 2006**
February 11, 2006

ICANS PRESENTS . . .

In Partnership with the FEI

A Luncheon with **Pierre Duguay**, Deputy Governor,
Bank of Canada.

November 24, 2005
Casino Nova Scotia Hotel

As a leading member of our national business community, Mr. Duguay has experienced insight into the future direction of Canada's economy and hence, much to share with our membership, and with our colleagues and partners alike.

Stay tuned for details!

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