

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 web-site at www.icans.ns.ca

FINAL Reminder of Dues and CPD Reports

Your 2004-05 due payments and 2003 CPD Reports are now well past-due (deadline for submission was May 1). To avoid the risk of suspension and reinstatement fees, please submit them as soon as possible. Resignations and requests for special fee consideration for retired/early retired status, waivers and deferrals must be submitted by June 15th. Any questions please contact Soula Keramaris at the Institute (902) 425-3291 or skeramaris@icans.ns.ca.

MERGER DEVELOPMENTS

The May 11th public announcement that the CAs and CMAs are considering formal merger discussions has obviously sparked immediate reaction from members of both accounting designations, both locally and across Canada. This was not unexpected, as all of us are proud of our designation, and what it stands for, and are therefore concerned over any strategic development that may impact on the "brand", as well as our own individual situations.

While there have been a moderate amount of messages sent to mergertalk@icans.ns.ca over the past two weeks, with admittedly the majority of them negative in tone and content, many responses reflect what appears to be attitude of the majority of CAs in Nova Scotia – surprise and concern, but retaining an open mind until they receive additional information and can assess the implications of any potential merger on a more informed basis. A major factor in this reaction is that they realized that any merger will ultimately be decided by the members and likely not until sometime in the fall, and that the Institutes are committed to providing sufficient information for a fair assessment.

Check Out The Websites

New information is being added everyday to the [CICA Website](http://www.cica.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/20170/la_id/1.htm) (http://www.cica.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/20170/la_id/1.htm). Of particular interest is a series of comprehensive [FAQs](http://www.cica.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/21493/la_id/1.htm) (http://www.cica.ca/index.cfm/ci_id/21493/la_id/1.htm) that reflect the feedback received by ICANS and other Institutes by its members.

Participate In The National Member Survey

The CICA and Provincial Institutes have arranged for a **professional polling firm to conduct a membership survey** as a means of assessing general reaction and to determine areas in which the profession must work to providing further information to allow members to fully understand the issues. This telephone survey is being conducted by a professional survey firm and will take place over the next few weeks.

If contacted, please participate – your opinion is important!

Attend The Member Forums

You should already have received information on a series of member sessions to be held throughout Nova Scotia over the coming months. Well-attended sessions have already taken place in Bridgewater (May 19th) and Yarmouth (May 19th) and arrangements for the following three sessions have now been finalized:

Sydney 8:30 AM June 9th

<http://www.icans.ns.ca/media/documents/SydneyMeetingFlyer.pdf>

Halifax 3:00 PM June 11th

<http://www.icans.ns.ca/media/documents/HalifaxMeetingFlyer.pdf>

Dartmouth 5:30 PM June 23rd

<http://www.icans.ns.ca/media/documents/DartmouthMeetingFlyer.pdf>

If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please register to ensure that

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adequate space is available by using the forms, or by e-mailing Cindy at the Institute (mailto:cmombourquette@icans.ns.ca) and advising her which session you will be attending.

Sessions will be held in the future in Amherst, Antigonish, and Kentville, and additional sessions will be scheduled for Halifax and other areas as the need is determined.

Watch For

Additional information will be provided to all members over the coming months, leading up to any decision by the membership. In addition to the next CAMagazine issue, CICA and ICANS will be providing additional material, webcasts etc to ensure its members are fully informed. In the meantime, you may also wish to refer to other Provincial Institute websites (links are readily available on the ICANS website) to review what other information is being made available across Canada. For example, the Alberta Institute is developing considerable material to address the concerns of recently qualified Chartered Accountants that is equally applicable to Nova Scotian CAs.

FEDERAL ELECTION – JUNE 28th

Now that the federal election has been called, more and more members are being asked to serve as auditors, agents etc of federal candidates and should be aware of the new requirements of the Canada Elections Act and a new ICANS Council Interpretation 204B that has been released. In addition, the CICA has published a new "Guide for the Auditor of a Candidate in a Federal Election. Members should refer to the News and Events section of the ICANS website for more information and useful links.

CARE TO COMMENT ON CURRENT EVENTS?

The Halifax Herald runs a regular weekly column wherein members of Nova Scotia's business community are asked to share their views on that week's topic. The Institute has been able to assist the Herald in finding CAs who wish to respond to questions that may be relevant to their careers or lives. If you would like to participate, please contact communication@icans.ns.ca.

ICANS IS WORKING FOR YOU! (But, don't just take our word for it . . . take theirs!)

Publications

"Thank you for your letter of April 13, 2004. I appreciate your writing and forwarding the brochure, which recognizes Nova Scotia's newest Fellow Chartered Accountants (FCAs), as well as the latest issue of your newsletter SCAN. Please convey my congratulations to Mr. Bishop, Mr. Conrod, Mr. Inman and Mr. Towler on receiving such a highly respected recognition."

~ John F. Hamm, Premier, Nova Scotia

"Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2003 with the attached copy of Celebrating Our Success. ICANS is to be commended for producing such a comprehensive inaugural report."

~ Mayor Peter J. Kelly, HRM

"Thank you for your recent correspondence updating me on the activities of ICANS. I appreciate the information and ask that you continue to keep us informed as to the activities of your association."

Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Monday, June 7th 2004 at 11:30 am

Chester Golf and Country Club - Chester, Nova Scotia

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia will be held at the Chester Golf and Country Club in Chester, Nova Scotia on Monday, June 7th, 2004 at 11:30 am, for the purpose of:

1. Receiving and considering the reports of the Council, the Treasurer and Committees;
2. Electing an Auditor;
3. Electing the members of Council; and
4. Electing a President and Vice-President of the Institute.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia, this 9th day of May, 2004.

Gordon D. Moore, CA
Secretary



~ Keith Colwell, MLA, Preston

"I thought I would drop a quick note to congratulate you and your staff on the excellent publication, Celebrating Our Success . . . I was clearly impressed by the accomplishments of each of the individuals that were featured in this publication . . . You and your organization are to be commended for such a positive initiative."

~ Marjorie A. Hickey, Q.C., Patterson Palmer Law

"Practitioner's View is an outstanding document."

~ Rakesh Jain CA, Partner, Green Jain Chartered Accountants

"As a non-resident member SCAN is a good way to stay in touch with Institute events and activities."

~ Mark E. Dickie CA, Bermuda

Recruitment

"I spoke with students in my class about their reaction to the ICANS presentation (2003). They felt that the presentation hit exactly what they were looking for. They agreed that there were other avenues where they could get the details of the ASCA courses, etc., and they were more interested in what CAs do. Your choice of the CAs that attended and presented was excellent. All presenters were young and energetic and the students could relate to them - another important criterion. The variety of backgrounds and current employment of each was also instrumental to the success of the presentation, as that is what they came to hear about."

~ Professor Nicola M. Young FCA, Professor, Saint Mary's University

". . . I was very fortunate to receive one of your \$1000 high school scholarships this past June (2003). First and foremost I would sincerely like to thank your institution for providing this support and recognition . . . I also would like to commend

you on your exemplary support of education in Nova Scotia. It is not often that you see an institution give back to the community at large, which it serves. ICANS deserves hearty congratulations and on behalf of all fellow students in Nova Scotia, I thank you for your continued support . . . Once again, in closing, I express my most genuine thanks for your financial support, which has aided me in my pursuit of a higher education and has fueled my passion for business."

~ Brian Lesser, Prospect Bay, Nova Scotia

Sponsorship/Partnership

"Just a note to acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 1, 2003 along with the copy of your publication, "Celebrating Our Success". Recognizing the value and contribution of its own membership is certainly one of the keys to a more prosperous and 'happier' organization. Trusting that continued success will mark the coming year at ICANS."

~ Neil LeBlanc, then Minister of Finance, Province of Nova Scotia

"Thank you for sponsoring the lunch with the Minister of Finance (2004). This has become a key event with the Cham-



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ber and one I look forward to; it provides great visibility for the Institute."

~ *Dr. Colin Dodds, President, Saint Mary's University*

"Thank you for your sponsorship commitment to the C100 Radiothon toward the Change Bandit Program . . . (helping to raise) more than \$275,000 (for the IWK Health Centre)."

~ *David Jeu, Managing Director, IWK Foundation*

"Thank you for supporting Junior Achievement and our JA Titan event as a supporting investor . . . Your generous and continuing support of this event is deeply appreciated."

~ *Arlene Lahey, Junior Achievement of Nova Scotia*

Professional Development

"PD week is a great idea – allows CAs to see each other on a regular, annual basis and network or compare notes."

~ *response to ICANS' 2003 Membership Communication Survey*

General

"I think it is important to both keep in touch with the members, as well as promote the 'brand recognition' of the CA designation. In order for us to maintain our reputation and market-ability, the public has to maintain awareness. Also, we as members (especially those out of public practice and in industry) need to stay current in the CA world. It would be very hard to do that without the help of ICANS. So thank you! The fact that you are doing this survey proves you have the member's best interests at heart."

~ *Jan Young CA, Interprovincial Meat Sales*

"I strongly believe that ICANS should continue its public advertising. As a CA, I appreciate seeing a CA ad promoting our profession. In light of the scandals in the U.S. with some of the big accounting firms, I think we as CAs are doing a good job with promoting the CA name as something of quality. Keep up the good work."

~ *John Oakey CA, Nauss Cole & Galbraith*

"As CAs we should take a higher profile commenting on public policy, economic trends and major events in our communities - i.e. in other words, we should be in the public eye for every issue that even remotely affects us."

~ *Dean Abbass CA, ABBDON Effective Solutions*

"The monthly electronic updates are wonderful – short snappers. The e-mail today on labor code changes was excellent; keeps members current. ICANS is moving into the electronic world of communications, which is the right direction. (Also) encourage all members, industry as well as public accountants, to use (their) CA designation as often as possible – correspondence of all kinds (e-mails, fax cover sheets). If all members used the designation – we would not need ads. The large firms only promote their Firm brand name and not the fact they are CAs. Industry members very rarely use CA after their name in communications."

~ *Stephen Shupe CA, SV Shupe & Associates*

"A big focus should be on increasing brand awareness so that more people/students want to become CAs and that businesses look to CAs as advisors, as opposed to some of the other designations. I think ICANS, overall, does a good job at promoting itself within its membership, but that the focus should be on increasing the CA brand awareness outside of its current membership."

~ *Heidi Davidson CA, Senior CA, Grant Thornton LLP*

"ICANS could act as an intermediary between local employers and qualified chartered accountants seeking challenging work experience. ICANS could also compile a directory of successful high profile-type projects that local chartered accountants have undertaken. This could serve as a compendium of available skills within the CA community and could be used as a tool for marketing CA expertise."

~ *T.M. McCarthy CA, Chief Review Services Principal, Department of National Defense*

"The initiatives taken to 'spread the word' from a public relations perspective are to be commended. They should continue and we should ensure that they are also done in each of the communities in the Province."

~ *David H. Hill CA, President, Small Business Advisors Ltd.*



"I think ICANS does a great job and is always looking to improve, which is a sign of a strong management team. I have the opportunity of comparing them to other Institutes and they do a great job!!

~ *Joseph Barron CA, Director, Internal Audit, Bank of Nova Scotia*

"Although I am over 2000 miles away, I can easily keep up-to-date with developments in ICANS.

~ *Terry W. Carson CA, Partner, Grant Thornton, Cayman Islands*

New Members

The following individuals were recently admitted to membership through affiliation:

Kamal Al-Batnigi CA (from Ontario)

Erin McDonnell Oldman CA (from Ontario)

Paul Leon Meier CA (from New Brunswick)

Resignations

Jane Ritenour has resigned her membership effective April 30, 2004.

In Memoriam

ICANS has learned that **Gerald F. V. Wilkie CA** passed away on September 19, 2003.

Here and There With Members

Ronald Chute CA is now Director of Accounting for Ven-Rez Products Ltd. in Shelburne NS.

Janice Garnett CA has left Deloitte & Touche LLP to assume the position of Manager, Corporate Controls, at Aliant Inc.

Career Opportunities On The Website

Check the site for recent career postings that are added to the site on a weekly basis. Current postings are:

Controller — Magneto-Inductive Systems Limited, Head Jeddore

Senior Associate, Assurance — PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Halifax and Truro

Director of Finance — office supplies distributor, Bermuda

Tax Manager — an international tax, accounting and advisory firm, Fredericton, NB

Controller — a national transportation company, Florenceville, NB

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

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer Opportunities are posted regularly on the ICANS website under Members. At the present time, the following opportunities are available:

Treasurer — Epilepsy Association of Nova Scotia

Treasurer — Kidney Foundation of Canada, Nova Scotia Branch

Financial Advisor to the Coordinator — Halifax Regional C@P Association

Reminder — Important Upcoming Dates

Annual Meeting and Golf Tournament, Chester
[June 7, 2004](#)

CA/CMA Merger Information Session - Sydney
[June 9, 2004](#)

CA/CMA Merger Information Session - Halifax
[June 11, 2004](#)

Deadline for Filing Requests for 2004-05 Fee Waivers etc
June 15, 2004

CA/CMA Merger Information Session - Dartmouth
[June 23, 2004](#)

David Hope Inauguration Reception
June 17, 2004

FCA Dinner - Halifax Club
[June 17, 2004](#)

UFE
September 21-24 ,2004



A FEW SPOTS LEFT!!

Remember to sign up for the Members Annual Golf Tournament, to be held immediately following the Annual Meeting at Chester Golf Club on June 7th.

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