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# Introducing our new President

At the Institute's Annual General Meeting on June 10, 2003, Bob Bean, CA, was elected as ICANS' 90th President.

Bob's roots in the profession go back to 1979, when he obtained his CA designation from the New Brunswick Institute after earning a Bachelor of Commerce with Honors from Mount Allison University. Since then, Bob has worked for Grant Thornton LLP - becoming a partner with the Saint John office in 1986, transferring to the Halifax office in 1988 where he is an Assurance Partner, and committing 15 years to the firm's recruitment activities.

"When I was young, my older brother became an accountant and I got some perspective on what accountants do. It looked interesting to me, so becoming an accountant seemed like a logical, smart move," reflects Bob. "The only other career choice that appeared on my radar screen was professional musician, and that seemed like a much less certain path."

Throughout his career, Bob has also contributed his time and expertise to the profession. He has been a member of the ICANS Council since 1998 and a member of the Executive for the last three years. He has also been a member and chair of numerous ICANS committees including Professional Development, Planning, Public Relations, Human Resources and the Education Re-engineering Task Force.

"Serving on committees and Council

has been a great education about our profession and a great way to get to know people," says Bob.

Outside of the profession, Bob's community activities include President, Scotia Festival of Music; member and past director, Rotary Club of Halifax Northwest; and member, Dalhousie University Planned Giving Advisory Board. He's also been involved with the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, Scouts Canada and the Bedford United Church. Residing in Bedford with his wife,

Pamela, and sons, Andrew and Craig (who just commenced the Bachelor of Commerce program at McGill University), Bob is also a talented musician, performing with Nova Sinfonia and occasionally with the Dartmouth Concert Band. He also likes to play basketball, and travel and hike with his family.

"Over the years, I have met and worked with a lot of very special people from many different walks of life.

That is really what keeps me excited about my work and our profession. I view the opportunity to serve as ICANS' President as an honor, and I'd like to thank the members for their support. I am looking forward to meeting a lot more of our members over the next several months, and learning what is most important to them in terms of their profession and their ICANS' membership."



Robert Bean, CA

## Back to School!

PD season is here again and our deadline of October 10, 2003 for passport registration is fast approaching! Once again, our program has expanded to provide a full slate of high quality, cost-effective seminars, on-line sessions and other training/learning opportunities relevant to our diverse membership needs. Our PD program also includes a wide

selection of topics in the traditional core competencies, as well as in general management and executive skills. And, with a passport to most full-day sessions costing only \$100, the Institute's PD Program is hard to beat! Note: seminar space is limited so don't delay - book now! For info, visit [www.icans.ns.ca](http://www.icans.ns.ca) or call (902) 425-3291.

# Who Says Accountants Are Just the “Numbers” People?

PIPEDA, LLP, UFE, CPAB, PAB... It's clear that letters, not numbers, control our existence! In the past year, change has come at us fast and furious, and I don't see the pace slowing down in the near future. As I begin my term I wanted to give you some indication as to what I see as some of the issues and priorities for the coming year.

While Council's guiding lights are our mission statement and multi-year strategic plan, many of the issues affecting our members are driven by the national and international situation. Clearly, many areas of our standards will continue to evolve. Those of us in public practice will soon be faced with changes to the independence rules. We will continue to work with our members to help them understand the new rules. The new federal privacy legislation, Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA) has a deadline of January 1, 2004 for compliance. This legislation will impact most of the organizations in which our members work, so we should all be aware of its principles and rules for compliance. CAs are well placed to help organizations get onside and your Institute is currently in the process of ensuring its full compliance.

As well, after many years, the Nova Scotia government passed LLP legislation in November 2002. However, we are still awaiting regulations before the new laws are enacted.

Another set of letters we're all familiar with, UFE, has undergone major change this year (including the fact that it now stands for Uniform Evaluation...go figure). The new marking process, based on competency assessments, will

cause differences in the reporting of results. On November 28 we find out those results – I can hardly wait!

A final example of the alphabet soup of acronyms that will occupy our time this year will be the newly established CPAB (Canadian Public Accountability Board, not to be confused with its US equivalent, PCAOB, nor the PAB, Nova Scotia's Public Accountants Board). CPAB is a public oversight body which has been established jointly with the CICA, the regulatory authorities, etc., to bolster public confidence in public accounting, at least as it applies to publicly listed companies.

Looking ahead we are fortunate to have a strong Council, Executive Director and staff working tirelessly on behalf of the members. We can best serve you if we have strong two-way communication. To that end, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next year. I would encourage you to let us know your interests, concerns, and most important, your ideas. Thank you

## Your input

Gathering your comments and views on the various issues facing our profession and our overall business community, is also a priority. Throughout my term, I look forward to meeting with members face-to-face, and I encourage you to continue to be involved with our profession and to contact Council members and/or ICANS staff, with any comments or concerns.



# Other Members of the 2003-2004 ICANS Executive Team

Joining ICANS President Bob Bean and Executive Director Bob Caswill on the Institute's 2003-2004 Executive Team are:

## John MacKinnon, Vice President

A member of ICANS since 1989, John is an accounting professor at the University College of Cape Breton in Sydney, NS. He was elected to Council in 1996, becoming secretary in 2001 and treasurer in 2002. Over the years, John has also been involved with a number of Institute committees and has served as an ASCA chair and lecturer, MACPAC coordinator, and the Nova Scotia representative for the Inter-Provincial Education Committee.

Dedicated to both the profession and his community, John's contributions were recognized in 2000 with a Ross L. Towler CA of the Year Award. Two organizations that he's been particularly active with include The Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton and the Cape Breton Family YMCA.

## Sue Payne, Treasurer

Sue is the CEO of ACA Cooperative Ltd. in Kentville, NS. Joining ICANS in 1989, Sue has been involved with numerous Institute committees. In particular, she has served on Council since 1998, assuming the role of Executive Secretary in 2002 and chairing the Membership Committee from 1996 to 1999.

Outside of ICANS, Sue has donated her talents and valuable time to assist a variety of community organizations including: the New Minas Sunrise Rotary Club, the Canadian Diabetes Association-Halifax Branch and the Glengarry Pines Golf Course. In addition, Sue sits as Governor for the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council and the Nova Scotia Community College.

## Gordon Moore, Secretary

Gordon is a Partner with KPMG LLP in Halifax, NS. After becoming a member of ICANS in 1976, Gordon proceeded to get involved with a number of Institute committees including: Bylaws, Professional Standards Review, Harmonizing, Environment, Standards, Audit and the Bylaws Review Task Force. He's been a member of our Council since 1997 and part of CICA's Ethics Standards and Harmonizing Committee since 2000. However, Gordon's commitment to

professional activities doesn't stop there!

He has shared his expertise with the Association for Professional Environmental Auditing, and the Accounting Foundation of Nova Scotia; he's served as an exam/assignment marker for the former APACA Program; and was a correspondent of the Canadian Institute of Chartered

Business Valuators. In addition, as a community-minded leader, Gordon has volunteered his time and talent to the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth, St. Vincent's Guest House, the Kiwanis Music Festival, St. Peter's Church, the Halifax Northwest Rotary Club, Dartmouth VON Branch, St. Michael's Church and the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.

## 2003-2004 ICANS Council

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## New ICANS Ad Promotes Timeless Message

All the huffing and puffing in the world won't blow your business down if you work with a CA to help build and maintain its operation. That's the basic message behind the exciting new print ad ICANS recently launched to reinforce the CA tagline, "Strength Beyond Numbers."

While the use of cartoon imagery helps the ad to stand out from the clutter of other business ads, this familiar, childhood story (you got it, it's the Three Little Pigs!)

was chosen for its ability to clearly illustrate the timeless lesson that patience and the use of proper tools will give you a solid

foundation from which to succeed.

So, the next time you're flipping through the Halifax Chamber's Business

Voice or you're waiting

for your luggage to arrive at the Halifax

International Airport (the ad is featured on the

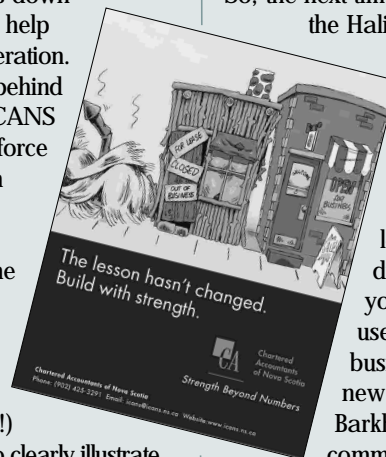
airport's rotating billboard) look for our new ad and

discover the obvious benefits you'll experience when you

use a CA to build your business. Comments on our

new ad? Please contact Joy Barkhouse at

communication@icans.ns.ca or at (902) 425-3291.



# Special Thanks to our 2002-2003 Volunteers

Volunteers are one of ICANS' most valuable assets. Whether you serve on Council, provide advice regarding membership and conduct issues, or help in organizing our annual golf tournament, the time and expertise you contribute to developing our profession is greatly appreciated. In particular, we want to thank the following individuals who volunteered with the organization during 2002-2003:

Gary Armstrong	Paul Comeau	Darryl Haley	Gordon Lawlor	Darren Nantes	Robert Teale
Daniel Avery	Alan Conrod	Andrew Hare	Jon Legatto	David Nunn	Bruce Towler
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Sue Carson	Michele Gerrard	Claudette Kehoe	Jacklyn Moore	Stephen Shupe	Byron Wilson
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If you are interested in serving on an ICANS committee or special task force, please contact the ICANS Office at (902) 425-3291 or drop us an email at [icans@icans.ns.ca](mailto:icans@icans.ns.ca). Thank you!

## Encouraging Early Success

Each year, the ICANS Recruitment Committee awards four \$1,000 scholarships to Nova Scotia students. This past year, scholarships were awarded to two exemplary university students and two outstanding high school seniors:

### Chris Upham

Now a final year Accounting major at Saint Mary's University, Chris has his sights set on becoming a CA. Throughout his studies, he's maintained an excellent academic average, while participating in numerous extra-curricular activities involving teamwork and leadership. He's also been an active participant in Case Competitions and the President of the Saint Mary's Accounting Society.

### Robert Wadden

Enrolled in the Bachelor of Business Administration program at the University College of Cape Breton, Robert is anxious to develop his innate skills for organization

and teambuilding. In particular, he has his sights set on becoming a CA – a profession, according to his instructors, he's well suited for.

### Jessica Farrell

Graduating from Rankin Memorial School in June 2003, Jessica started studying towards her Bachelor of Business Administration at St. F. X. University this month. Community-minded and disciplined, Jessica has a strong interest in public speaking and hopes to hone this skill as she grows and becomes more involved in our region's business community.

### Brian Lesser

A recent graduate of West Kings District High School, Brian is an outstanding student who combined three high school years into two by taking intensive course and after-school credits, while simultaneously participating in many extra curricular activities. This September he began the

Bachelor of Commerce (co-op) program at Dalhousie University, majoring in international business with a focus on international finance and economics.

Congratulations to all our recipients and remember, children of ICANS members are also welcome to apply for these awards. Questions? Visit [www.icans.ns.ca](http://www.icans.ns.ca) or call (902) 425-3291.

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"To protect and serve the public and our members by providing exceptional services and resources within a well-regulated profession, and enable Chartered Accountants in Nova Scotia to be the obvious choice for financial management, assurance and other specialized services."

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