UPDATE: INDEPENDENCE REQUIREMENTS - CHANGES TO BE CONSIDERED IN TWO PHASES

This update is further to the article that ran in the May 2010 issue of E-SCAN re: the Canadian CA profession’s Public Trust Committee, which formed an Independence Task Force (ITF) to review the independence provisions included in the Rules of Professional Conduct and determine whether or not any changes were needed. The review was precipitated by changes that were released in July 2009 to the independence standards included in the International Federation of Accountants' (IFAC) Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Code). As a result of its review, the ITF has determined that changes should be considered in two phases.

The first phase is the subject of an exposure draft — http://www.cica.ca/about-the-profession/protecting-the-public-interest/item37015.pdf. The exposure draft proposes that the current Canadian requirements related to rotation of the engagement partner and the engagement quality control reviewer change from rotation after five years followed by a five year “time-out” period to seven and two years respectively. The exposure draft proposes that this change be effective as soon as possible. Comments on this exposure draft were requested by June 15, 2010.

The second phase is the subject of a consultation paper — http://www.cica.ca/about-the-profession/protecting-the-public-interest/item37017.pdf. Here, some stakeholders have requested an extension to the comment deadline and have asked for further information on the implications of potential changes to the independence requirements for small and medium-sized practices with audit or review clients that are not reporting issuers. The ITF has prepared a paper — http://www.cica.ca/about-the-profession/protecting-the-public-interest/item39809.pdf — which provides further information on the potential implications. NEW — To provide stakeholders with sufficient time to consider the consultation paper, the ITF has extended the comment deadline to July 15, 2010.

NOTE: Comments on both documents will be posted on the CICA website within 10 days of the respective comment deadlines.

PARTICIPATE IN MANAGING A PUBLIC PRACTICE SURVEY: PRACTICE MANAGEMENT

Did you know that according to our 2008 Managing a Public Practice (MAPP) survey on Practice Management, that:
• There has been a trend since 2006 to move from assurance engagements to non-assurance engagements. This movement is most significant for firms with five full-time equivalents or less.
• Operating expenses on average were 56 per cent of gross revenues, the same as in 2006.
• Slightly over one-half of respondents (54 per cent) report requesting retainers from new clients, compared to three-in-ten (28 per cent) from existing clients. Approximately two-thirds of respondents used progress billing for both new and existing clients.
• 75 per cent of respondents had a net profit margin percentage (pre-partner distributions) of 33 per cent or better, the same as in 2006.

Will these trends continue or will there be significant changes? To find out, participate in the upcoming MAPP Survey: Practice Management being distributed in June.

ICANS’ ANNUAL MEETING, GOLF TOURNAMENT AND BBQ

ICANS’ Annual Meeting was held on June 14, 2010 at the Chester Golf & Country Club. The meeting was followed by the Institute’s Annual Golf Tournament, along with a traditional steak barbeque and prize presentations. Please look for a complete recap of the day’s events in the July issue of E-SCAN.
INTRODUCING ICANS’ 2010 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ICANS is pleased to announce that the following students each received $1,000 from the Institute’s 2010 High School Scholarship Program:

- **Katelyn Cameron**, North Nova Education Centre, New Glasgow (NOTE: Katelyn is the daughter of ICANS Council Member **Diane Cameron**, CA);
- **Heidi Landry**, Richmond Academy, Louisdale (NOTE: Heidi is the niece of ICANS Member **Shelly Kehoe**, CA);
- **David Newcomb**, Horton High School, Wolfville; and
- **Colten Steele**, Prince Andrew High School, Dartmouth.

Established in 1998, ICANS’ High School Scholarship Program supports Nova Scotia students who exemplify the potential to develop the core attributes of Chartered Accountants: financial expertise, strategic thinking, business insight and leadership. It’s also a great opportunity for Nova Scotia CAs to demonstrate their support for life-long learning and community development. This year, ICANS received 71 outstanding applications and as ICANS CEO and Executive Director **Michele Wood-Tweel**, FCA, remarked: “We were very impressed with all the students who applied. Their applications imparted a real sense of maturity in terms of their accomplishments and focus regarding career aspirations.”

Please join us in wishing Katelyn, Heidi, David and Colten sincere congratulations on their achievement and in offering special thanks to our ICANS Recruitment Committee members —- **Donna Bourque**, CA; **Peter Boyd**, CA; **Scott Ellison**, CA; **Natasha Fletcher**, CA; **Janice Garnett**, CA; **Michele Gerrard**, CA; **Lisa Jardine**, CA; **Catherine Johnston** (Chair), CA; **Peter Nash**, CA; and **Brian Rendell**, CA — for their time and thoughtful consideration in choosing this year’s recipients. In addition, a big round of thanks to the following ICANS members who will represent the Institute at the various graduation ceremonies to present the recipients with their awards: **Diane Cameron**, CA (will present daughter Katelyn with her scholarship); **Michele Gerrard**, CA (will present David Newcomb with his scholarship); and **Lisa Jardine**, CA (will present Colten Steele with his scholarship). NOTE: Richmond Academy does not permit in-person scholarship presentations; the school will provide Heidi with her award on our behalf.

CICA CORPORATE REPORTING AWARD ENTRIES NOW BEING ACCEPTED— PROVINCIAL CROWNS INCLUDED FOR FIRST TIME

On **May 27, 2010**, the CICA issued a media release to announce that entries are being accepted for an expanded version of the Corporate Reporting Awards. Presented annually by the CICA, the awards have recognized excellence in financial and corporate reporting in Canada for almost 60 years. The program reflects the CA profession's commitment to enhancing the quality of reporting.

“Organizations serious about communicating with investors or stakeholders can benefit by submitting an entry,” said CICA President & CEO **Kevin Dancey**. “In addition to showcasing the best reporting models in the country, the program also provides an excellent platform from which to learn. Review of the winning models combined with feedback on its own entry from the judges can help an organization make a strong reporting effort even better.”

For the first time ever, provincial Crown corporations can enter the awards. Previously, just corporate Canada and federal Crown corporations participated.

“We are looking forward to having provincial Crown corporations participate,” said Dancey. “Many organizations, whether within corporate Canada or government setting, prepare excellent and easy to understand reports. It is important that these efforts be recognized on behalf of investors or stakeholders.”

Judging for federal and provincial Crown corporations will be based on similar criteria used to determine the corporate winners. Judging information and instructions on the simple two-step entry process can be found on-line at [www.cica.ca/cra](http://www.cica.ca/cra). Large and small Crown winners will be chosen in both the federal and provincial categories. Several awards also will be handed out recognizing reporting excellence by publicly traded companies in Canada. Awards of Excellence for various industry sectors will be presented. In addition, separate awards and honourable mentions will be given to companies for financial reporting, corporate governance disclosure, electronic disclosure and sustainable development reporting.

The **deadline for entries is July 9, 2010**. This year’s **awards ceremony** will take place on **November 24, 2010** in Toronto.
CRA WORKING PAPER POLICY STATEMENT
~ by Kevin Dancey, FCA, President and CEO, CICA

A long-awaited CRA policy statement dated May 31, 2010—"Acquiring Information from Taxpayers, Registrants and Third Parties"—was first issued to CRA staff and is now on the CRA web site (http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/bx/chncl/cqmgmfrmn/menu-eng.html). The policy statement sets out the CRA’s current policy approach to acquiring, inter alia, auditors’ and accountants’ working papers. An annex more fully describes the CRA’s basket of compliance tools found in the Income Tax Act, the Excise Tax Act, and other legislation. The policy statement is required reading for anyone involved in the audit or review of financial statements or in the tax return process.

In response to a CRA round table question at the Foundation’s 2004 annual conference, the CRA first announced its planned review of its existing policy. The CRA also said that it recognized the importance of its policy regarding access to auditors’ and accountants’ working papers, and thus before issuing a new policy it intended to conduct broad-based consultation in partnership with the tax, accounting, and business communities.

Since then, the CICA and the CRA have had extensive and ongoing discussions on the issue, which is extremely important for both taxpayers and Canada’s chartered accountants in industry and professional practice. The CICA also obtained the views of its members through a survey it commissioned. Auditors’ and accountants’ working papers are critical to the integrity of the financial statement, audit/review, and corporate governance processes as a whole. If the CRA regularly sought access to auditors’ and accountants’ working papers, such a policy change could undermine the preparation of documents required to support financial reporting and inhibit the essential frank and open discussions between an auditor/accountant, the audit committee, and management.

Following are some key elements of the CRA policy set out in the policy statement.

1) From CICA-CRA discussions, CICA officials understand that the CRA does not view the policy statement as reflective of a significant policy change, but rather as an affirmation of its longstanding policy and a framework for compiling and discussing in one document all legislative and compliance tools available to it.

2) Not surprisingly, the CRA states that with the exception of privileged communications, it has the authority to examine not only the records and documents of the subject person under review, but also any other person’s records and documents that may relate to the subject person’s tax liability. (See, for example, subsection 231.1(1) of the Income Tax Act.)

3) The policy statement includes several extremely important overrides to point 2.
   a) Tax compliance disputes should be resolved primarily between the CRA and any specific taxpayer, and thus the CRA always tries to collect information from the most direct source and in the least intrusive manner possible.
   b) Information from third parties is sought when the taxpayer cannot or will not provide information.
   c) Access to tax accrual working papers and auditors’ or accountants’ working papers may be required occasionally, but not routinely.
   d) The CRA believes that a more effective and efficient relationship with taxpayers and their advisers can be achieved by grounding its actions on an understanding of the taxpayer’s business and by applying the key principles of transparency, impartiality, proportionality, and responsiveness.

Until all other avenues to obtain the relevant information have been exhausted, taxpayers should not expect to routinely see requests for tax accrual working papers, and auditors and third-party accountants should not expect to routinely receive requests for their working papers. In particular the approach outlined in the policy statement suggests that requests for information from third parties should not occur at the commencement of a CRA audit. The CICA urged the CRA to clearly state that, in order for the CRA to maintain its objectivity and impartiality, it would restrict its requests to factual information and not routinely seek access to subjective analyses (including opinions) prepared by taxpayers or third parties. Unfortunately, the policy statement instead only declares that, “officials will not be influenced by any subjective analyses, comments or opinions contained in the information or documentation reviewed.”

Other countries have developed policies for access to working papers. For example, in the United States the IRS has stated that it will not request a taxpayer’s tax accrual working papers unless the taxpayer has engaged in a listed transaction. In Australia, only in defined exceptional circumstances is it Australian Tax Office policy to request working papers and subjective analyses from a taxpayer or an adviser. In Canada, the CRA, taxpayers, and tax professionals have little experience with the interpretation of the phrase “not routinely required” as it is used in the policy statement; moreover, it is clear that a policy built on that phrase is much less precise than the bright-line tests used by the Australian Tax Office and the IRS.

The Audit Professional Services Directorate of the CRA’s Compliance Services Branch is responsible for monitoring nationally consistent compliance with the policy and for the development of further guidance. The policy statement encourages taxpayers and their representatives to discuss with the CRA any material differences of opinion between them and the CRA regarding the policy’s application. The CICA will track its members’ input to closely monitor the policy’s application in the field. The CRA has agreed to periodically review and discuss the policy’s application with interested parties, including the CICA.
IMPACT OF IRS TAX PREPARER REGISTRATION RULES
ON CANADIAN CAs

~ by Jennifer Horner, CA, Senior Manager, BDO Canada LLP

The Internal Revenue Service is proceeding with proposals to require any person who prepares a US tax return for compensation to be registered with the IRS, and to obtain a unique registration number. As part of this process, all such preparers (“paid preparers”, also referred to as preparers in this article), will need to meet a minimum standards test in order to continue to be registered as a preparer. These changes come in response to a perceived need to increase public confidence in paid preparers and to increase taxpayer compliance. Some US states, such as New York, California and Oregon, have already implemented their own systems for paid preparer registration. This article will discuss changes applicable to the preparation of US federal tax returns only. Based on information released so far, preparers living outside of the United States will also be subject to this new system of registration and testing. The purpose of this article is to highlight the new requirements and to discuss the particular impact on CAs in Canada who prepare US tax returns for a fee.

Some key items of these proposals are as follows:

- Specific instructions for foreign preparers (i.e. those preparers living outside of the United States) have not been released, and are currently in development by the IRS. There is no indication that foreign preparers will be exempt from these new requirements.
- The focus of this IRS initiative appears to be paid preparers of US personal tax returns, but the rules do not appear to exclude those individuals paid to prepare other types of US returns, such as corporate, trust and estate returns. It is unclear whether the new requirements will apply only to the preparer who signs the return or to all the preparers who were significantly involved in preparing the return.
- All US returns filed after December 31, 2010 will require a Preparer Tax Identification Number or PTIN. This requirement is a bit problematic for foreign preparers, as only individuals with a US Social Security Number can currently obtain a PTIN.
- Registration of preparers is due to start in September 2010. Practitioners who currently have a PTIN will also be required to register (although they will be allowed to keep their current number).
- Tax return preparers will need to meet a minimum standards test to qualify to continue to be registered as a preparer. Only US attorneys, certified public accountants (CPAs) and enrolled agents who are active and in good standing with their respective licensing agencies will be exempt from the testing. Testing will not be implemented until after registration and mandatory PTIN usage are in place.
- Tax return preparers will be required to meet a continuing professional education standard of 15 hours per year with the exception of attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents.
- The IRS will conduct periodic tax compliance checks on all tax return preparers, and expect all preparers to meet high ethical standards.
- Registration will require the payment of a fee. The amount of the fee has not been announced, but the IRS estimates such fee to be in the range of $25 - 100 annually per individual (or $75 - 300 for the three year renewal period of a PTIN).
- Paid tax preparers will be required to register as individuals, even those employed by an enterprise in the business of preparing tax returns. Note: individuals who only prepare returns for their employer will not be affected by these requirements.

As a consequence of these proposals, it is expected that Canadian CAs who will be preparing US returns for their clients, where such returns are filed after December 31, 2010, will be required to register with the IRS as tax preparers, and will also be required to meet the testing and continuing education requirements outlined above. Those CAs who are also CPAs and who are in good standing with a State licensing board should be exempt from the testing and continuing education requirements as long as they maintain their CPA license in good standing.

These plans have been put forward in proposed legislation, and are subject to the implementation of such legislation. Consequently, specific application of these rules, the date of implementation of the registry of preparers, and date which returns filed will require a PTIN are subject to change.

Canadian CAs who prepare US tax returns should be aware of these imminent changes, and watch for further clarification from the IRS regarding the registration process for preparers living outside the US.
EXPOSURE DRAFT - PROPOSED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS FOR NOT-FOR-PROFITS
The Accounting Standards Board (AcSB) and the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) issued individual exposure drafts on proposed changes to accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (NFPOs). Developed through extensive consultations with stakeholders, the proposed changes would result in different financial reporting foundations for NFPOs in the public and private sectors.

Currently, NFPOs follow the CICA Handbook – Accounting. The PSAB proposes that government NFPOs follow the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook. The AcSB proposes private sector NFPOs be given a choice to follow either new accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations or International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs). Both private and public sector NFPOs would continue to use the current 4400 series of standards. The AcSB and the PSAB request that NFPOs share their views on the proposals. To access the exposure drafts, click on: http://www.cica.ca/notforprofit/index.aspx. The deadline for comment is July 15, 2010.

PUBLIC SECTOR ACCOUNTING BOARD (PSAB) ISSUES RE-EXPOSURE DRAFT FOR GOVERNMENT TRANSFERS
This Re-Exposure Draft outlines when and how a government records funding transfers it gives to other governments, organizations and individuals, as well as, when and how a government records operating and capital funding transfers it gets from other levels of government.

“Accounting for transfers is a significant issue for all levels of government,” said Tim Wiles, Chair of the PSAB Task Force that developed this Re-Exposure Draft. “We believe the Re-Exposure Draft responds to the issues raised by our constituents. The new proposals allow more scope for governments to apply professional judgment in recognizing the substance of the complex transfer arrangements they have with other levels of government in their financial statements.”

To view the Re-Exposure Draft, click on: http://www.psab-ccsp.ca/. The deadline for comments is September 15, 2010.

CA CLIMBS MOUNT KILIMANJARO FOR CHARITY

In March 2010, ICANS Member Chris Upham (left), CA, CFA, Emera Inc., climbed Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, with three friends in support of the Canadian Cancer Society. The group raised in excess of $4,000, including a generous matching donation from Emera and Nova Scotia Power.

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: Swinging for Supper Charity Golf Tournament
When: July 8, 2010
Where: Glen Arbour Golf Course, Hammonds Plains, NS
In Support of: Feed Nova Scotia
CA Contact: Harrison Robbins, FCA, Harrison@RobbinsFinancial.ca, (902) 431-3113
Event Website: www.feednovascotia.ca/swingingforsupper
Entry Fee: $800 per team of four or $200 per individual player

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, NPO/charity name, contact) to communication@icans.ns.ca and ICANS will promote it in E-SCAN’s ‘Community Corner.’ Space is limited, so submit your info early and remember, the contact person for the event must be a CA!

RECRUITMENT BROCHURES
If you are interested in having copies of ICANS’ Recruitment Brochure to distribute to students, contact Cindy Mombourquette at cmomborquetet@icans.ns.ca or by calling (902) 425-3291 (ext. 21)
CANADIAN SECURITIES REGULATORS SEEK FEEDBACK ON TAILORING VENTURE ISSUER REGULATION

Securities regulators in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia have published a consultation paper designed to assess market interest in developing a more tailored approach to regulating venture issuers. Multilateral Consultation Paper 51-403, Tailoring Venture Issuer Regulation seeks input on whether there is an opportunity to build on the current venture market regulatory regime and further enhance investor protection while reducing regulatory costs for venture issuers.

“Canada has one of the most unique and successful public venture capital markets in the world,” says Bill Rice, Chair, Alberta Securities Commission. “These proposals aim to foster the continued success of this market by streamlining and tailoring regulatory requirements to the needs of both venture issuers and their investors.”

Venture issuers are a significant component of the equity capital markets in Canada. TSX Venture Exchange (TSXV) issuers account for approximately 62 per cent of the 3,848 issuers listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX) and TSXV combined. There are additional venture issuers listed on the Canadian National Stock Exchange, as well as venture issuers that are unlisted.

“Venture issuers can play an important economic role in our markets,” adds Brenda Leong, Chair, British Columbia Securities Commission. “They directly and indirectly provide jobs, explore for new resources, serve as incubators for new technologies and are a key component of the Canadian economy.”

Many venture issuers grow and move on to more senior markets. Approximately 330 (22 per cent) of the 1,474 issuers currently listed on the TSX are graduates of the TSXV and of the 222 issuers in the S&P/TSX Composite Index, 42 (19 per cent) are graduates of the TSVX.

The consultation paper can be found at http://www.gov.ns.ca/nssc/CSANotices/csaconpaper51-40331052010.pdf and written comments on these proposals will be accepted until September 17, 2010. Some of the key features of the consultation paper include:

- Eliminating the requirement for three and nine-month interim financial statements and associated MD&A;
- Introducing an annual report that provides streamlined and simplified disclosure of the venture issuer’s business, management, governance and executive compensation replacing the current requirements for separate annual financial statements, management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A) and CEO/CFO certifications;
- Enhancing investor protections through additional substantive corporate governance requirements, such as addressing related party transactions and insider training; and
- Eliminating business acquisition reports and enhancing material change reporting.

AUDITING AND ASSURANCE STANDARDS BOARD ISSUES INVITATION TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED 2010-2013 STRATEGIC PLAN

This ‘Invitation to Comment’ outlines AASB’s strategic goals and objectives moving forward, as well as the challenges facing the AASB in the coming years.

“The AASB achieved the major objective in its previous strategic plan of adopting International Standards on Auditing issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board as Canadian Auditing and Standards (CASs) for the audits of financial statements,” said Greg Shields, Director of Auditing and Assurance Standards. “The AASB now needs the input of stakeholders as it considers its future strategic direction in this critical period of CAS implementation.”

To view the ‘Invitation to Comment’, go to: www.aasb.ca. The deadline for comments is July 31, 2010.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

MARITIME ACCESS & PRIVACY WORKSHOP

Entitled, Navigating Our Way, this workshop is being held June 17 and 18, 2010 at the Westin Nova Scotian in Halifax, and developed and supported by the Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; the Office of the Ombudsman of New Brunswick; the Nova Scotia Review Office; the Office of Information and Privacy Commissioner of PEI; and the Halifax Regional Municipality. Keynote speakers include: David Fraser, Chair, McInnes Cooper’s Privacy Practice Group and Michel Juneau-Katsuya, Author and Media Commentator. The conference will also include hands-on workshops and breakout sessions. ICANS members will receive a 5% discount off the registration fee. For more info, visit: www.verney.ca/mapw2010.
ICANS’ SPRING 2010 PD BROCHURE

Now that you've had a chance to flip through ICANS' spring 2010 PD brochure and perused the list of seminars, in-depth programs, courses and tools/opportunities available, the next step is to register! In fact, some sessions scheduled for the spring are in danger of cancellation due to low participation. So, if you plan to register for a spring course and have not done so already, please take a moment now to do so. Course descriptions and registration forms are available at: http://www.icans.ns.ca/forthepublic.asp?cmPageID=224. You may also contact Cheryl Arseneault at carsenault@icans.ns.ca or Kathie Slaunwhite at kslaunwhite@icans.ns.ca, or call ICANS directly at (902) 425-3291. Here's a quick look at what's being offered:

• Tax Returns - Corporate June 21
• Taxation of Family Trusts Basic June 22
• IFRS - Financial Statement Presentation & Acct. Policies June 23
• ASPE: Accounting Standards for Private Enterprises June 28
• Managing the Difficult Employee June 29 (morning)
• Working Effectively with Different Leadership Styles June 29 (afternoon)
• The New Audit Reporting Model & Related Changes July 5 (afternoon)
• Take Back Your Time July 5 (morning)
• Tax Issues in Real Estate: What Do You Need to Know? July 6

UPCOMING CICA PD OPPORTUNITIES

• August 4 - 6 in Ottawa — CICA National Conference for SME Advisors — http://cpd.cica.ca/SMEAdvisors/about.cfm
• August 16 - 19 in Halifax — IFRS Immersion 1 Course — http://cpd.cica.ca/IFRSImmersion/about.cfm
• August 21 - 25 in Whistler — CICA In-Depth Tax Course (Part 3) — http://cpd.cica.ca/Part3/about.cfm
• Sept. 13 - 14 in Toronto — Conference for Audit Committees — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cfac/about.cfm
• Sept. 21 - 23 in Toronto — In-Depth Brokers & Investment Dealers Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/Brokers/about.cfm
• Sept. 21 - 24 in Toronto; Sept. 28 - Oct. 1 in Vancouver — IFRS Immersion 2 Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/IFRSImmersion2/about.cfm
• Sept. 27 - 28 in Ottawa — CICA Commodity Tax Symposium — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cts/about.cfm
• Oct. 6 - 7 in Ottawa — Public Sector & NPO Financial Reporting Conference — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/PublicSector/about.cfm
• Oct. 23 - 29 in Collingwood; Nov. 20 - 26 in Banff — Income Tax Practice Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/itp/about.cfm
• Nov. 3 - 4 in Toronto — 12th Annual Investigative & Forensic Accounting Conference — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/IAFA/about.cfm
• Nov. 13 - 17 in Whistler — Advanced Tax Issues for the Owner-Managed Business Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/ati/about.cfm
• Nov. 20 - 24 in Tremblant — Corporate Reorganizations Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cr/about.cfm
• Nov. 20 - 24 in Niagara-on-the-Lake — Advanced International Tax Course — http://www.cpd.cica.ca/ait/about.cfm

UPCOMING PMI EVENTS

• July 6 - 8 Effective Risk & Agile/Scrum Management
• Aug. 19 Chapter Breakfast Meeting — Emera Tidal Power Generation
• Sept. 9 Establishing a PM Foundation Using MS Project 2007
• Sept. 29 Agile PM Management Workshop
• Oct. 20 Chapter Dinner Meeting — HRM Sewage Treatment Plant
• Nov. 24 Volunteer Appreciation Night Dinner Meeting — “Are You Too Soft?” A Presentation by Neal Whitten
• Nov. 25 Big Event — “Let’s Talk Leadership, Accountability & Professional Maturity” — A Workshop by Neal Whitten
• Nov. 30 Project Management Framework & Tools

For more info on any of these events and/or to register, visit: www.pmi.ns.ca or contact Joan Pike, Association Manager, PMI NS Chapter, at (902) 423-1764. 

IFRS TRAINING & EVENTS

The CA profession provides a full range of courses and conferences to help you develop the knowledge you need to plan and execute a successful transition to IFRS and to understand the technical intricacies of the new standards. To this end, there are various e-learning courses available to members. To learn more, check out http://www.cica.ca/ifs/training-and-events/.

XTENSIONS LEARNING

Did you know that CICA has a 24/7 online learning centre for your training and information needs? Just click on: http://www.softconference.com/CICA/default.asp. Here, you will discover how you can use this tool to earn valuable CPD credits; access event media products (flexible alternatives to full conference modules provide just-in-time learning, plus you can refresh your technical skills); access the select series (enhanced, interactive modules offer verifiable CPD, many with self-assessment).
HERE AND THERE WITH MEMBERS
On June 7, 2010, Jamie Baillie, CA, CEO, Credit Union Atlantic, officially announced his intent to run for leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party in Nova Scotia.

Jeff Downs, CA, has been appointed Senior Director of Finance for Crombie REIT in Stellarton, NS.

Paul Jewer, CA, Senior VP Finance & Treasurer, Sobey's Inc., has been appointed to the Board of the Atlantic Provinces Economic Council.

NEW MEMBERS
The following individuals were admitted to membership through affiliation:

Stephanie Barnett, CA
Stephan Cochrane, CA, CFA
Christopher Cyr, CA
David Flahr, CA
Garry Foster, FCA
Fraser Gray, CA
Louise Lang, CA
Ben Pershick, CA
Alida du Plooy, CA
David Potter, CA
Michael Power, CA
Barry Travers, FCA
Gregory Wieczorek, CA
Susanne Willett, CA

RESIGNATIONS
The following individuals resigned their membership effective April 30, 2010. (Note: most members who resign are non-residents and are members of another Provincial Institute):

Jessica Bitsack
Gary Booth
Shelley Butler
Susan Carson
Tamara Dunn
Sylvain Lacoursiere
Michael Meagher
Sarah Murphy
Andrea Skoke
Suzanne Stevenson
Douglas Timmins
Cheryl Williams

NEW CATO WEBSITE
As communicated in the July 2009 E-SCAN, the Canadian CA profession’s new 2009 practical experience requirements - already in place for corporate and government employers of CA Students - came into effect for all CA firm training positions beginning on or after September 1, 2009. As a result, a newly updated CATO website is available.

To learn more, visit www.icans.ns.ca and click on the following button:

CA CAREER OPPORTUNITIES ON THE WEB
Employment and volunteer opportunities can be found at http://www.icans.ns.ca/events.asp?cmPageID=192.

Check out the following:

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**
- Accountant - Bryony House, Halifax
- Treasurer - Halifax Sexual Health Centre
- Treasurer - Dartmouth Family Centre
- Finance Technician - Make A Wish® Foundation, Atlantic Provinces

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
- CA - Assurance
- Halifax, NS
- Corporate Accountant
- Halifax, NS
- Senior Financial Accountant
- Halifax, NS
- Compensation Consultant
- Halifax, NS
- VP, Finance
- Dartmouth, NS
- Assistant Controller
- Halifax, NS
- Director of Finance (part-time)
- Halifax, NS
- Controller
- Halifax, NS
- Manager of Wireless Accounting
- Halifax, NS
- Controller
- Dartmouth, NS
- Director of Accounting & Finance
- Halifax, NS
- Manager, Accounting
- Dartmouth, NS
- VP, Finance & Administration and CFO
- Wolfville, NS

Note: Other career opportunities, together with valuable information and guidance on career counseling, etc., can be found at “CA Source,” on the CICA website.

REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **2010 UFE**
  Sept. 14, 15 & 16 - Greek Orthodox Church
- **Practitioners’ Forum**
  October 28 - Glengarry Inn, Truro
- **Atlantic Prov. Tax Conference**
  Nov. 5 - 8 - Saint Mary’s University
- **2010 UFE Results Release Date**
  December 3
- **Members Luncheon**
  December 17, 2010 - Marriott Harbourfront Hotel, Halifax