2013 CA OF THE YEAR - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
It’s that time of year again! If you know of an ICANS member who has made a difference by volunteering his/her time and expertise to helping others, we want to hear about it. Nominations for the Institute’s 2013 Ross L. Towler CA of the Year are now being accepted.

Named after ICANS’ long-time, former Executive Director, Ross L. Towler, FCA, this coveted award recognizes the tremendous contribution Nova Scotia CAs make to the success of our communities through the donation of their time, valuable skills and financial expertise. Since its inception in 1996, the award has been bestowed on a wide range of ICANS members who work in diverse sectors and have a variety of charitable interests. However, all our recipients share a common commitment — to make Nova Scotia a better place in which to live, work and play. Past award recipients and their nominators include:

1996  Michael O’Shea, CA, CFP - The Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation
1997  Stephen Matby, CA - The YMCA of Cumberland
1998  Daniel Gibson, CA - The Central Dartmouth Minor Baseball Association
1999  Loretta Kalkman (Bourke), CA - The Evangeline Club
2000  John MacKinnon, FCA - The Elizabeth Fry Society of Cape Breton
2001  Darryl Haley, CA - Reaching Out Youth & Mental Health Inc.
2002  Jim Eisenhauer, FCA, PEng - The St. John’s Anglican Church Restoration Campaign Committee
2003  Judy Steele, FCA - The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Atlantic Chapter
2004  Darren Nantes, FCA - The Children’s Wish Foundation
2005  Roderick McCulloch, FCA - The Halifax International Marathon Society
2006  Philip Clarke, CA-CIRP - The St. John’s Ambulance, NS/PEI Council
2007  Tara Larsen (Timms), CA - Alice Housing
2008  Marie Mullally, FCA - The David Foster Foundation
2009  Jane Roy, FCA - The Catapult Leadership Society
2010  Michael Kennedy, CA - Deloitte & Touche LLP
2011  Owen Barnhill, CA - The Discovery Centre
2012  Dr. Mary Oxner, PhD, CA, CFA - St. Francis Xavier University’s Schwartz School of Business

Nominations for this year’s CA of the Year Award are due on October 22th. To access a nomination form, click on: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/events/call-for-2013-ca-of-the-year-nominations/item69357.pdf](http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/events/call-for-2013-ca-of-the-year-nominations/item69357.pdf). If you are submitting a nomination, please remember to include a complete list of the candidate’s volunteer experiences, the nature and/or uniqueness of their contributions, and any other information you feel will assist the ICANS Honours Committee in making its selection. Questions? Please contact the Institute at (902) 425-3291 or via email at communication@icans.ns.ca.

2013 FCA - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS
In addition to the Institute’s CA of the Year Award, another way the profession honours the outstanding achievements of its members is by awarding the prestigious designation of 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 CA Institutes for at least 15 years, are eligible to be nominated for this distinguished award.

- A list of ICANS FCAs can be found at: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/events/fcas-of-icans/item69356.aspx](http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/events/fcas-of-icans/item69356.aspx)
- Nomination forms for this year’s FCA award process can be accessed at: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/fca-nomination/item69352.pdf](http://www.icans.ns.ca/news-and-events/fca-nomination/item69352.pdf)

Nominations for 2013 FCAs must be submitted to ICANS by October 22th.

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Thank you!
ICANS GOLFERS SUPPORT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS

As communicated in the July 2013 issue of E-SCAN, the 17th Annual ICANS Golf Tournament was a great success. Through the participation and generosity of our members and sponsors (Accountant Staffing, Boyne Clarke, Johnson Inc. and Scotiabank), $3,350 was raised for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Nova Scotia. This brings the 17-year total amount raised by this event for the Club to over $97,000!

Thanks again to all our golfing participants and sponsors — your continued support is greatly appreciated.
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UNIFICATION DISCUSSION RESOURCES

**CPA Marketing Material** — With the launch of the CPA national ad campaign, a suite of communications and marketing resources is available for your use. These include:

- Talking points and a Q&A document about the CPA designation and the ad campaign to help you answer questions you may be asked by clients, business associates, family and friends;
- Copies of the ads (PDF files), which you can print and post in your office; and
- CPA brand merchandise ordering and purchasing information.

If you missed the webcast on **September 13th**, which featured an advance screening of the ad campaign, and you haven’t yet had an opportunity to see any of the ads, you can view all the elements on the campaign microsite at [www.CPApro.ca](http://www.CPApro.ca). You can also look at the September issue of **CA Magazine**, which includes more information on the national campaign and related talking points. In addition, if you are interested in obtaining any of the communications and marketing resources listed above, please contact ICANS’ Communication Consultant, **Joy Barkhouse**, at communication@icans.ns.ca or at (902) 425-3291 ext. 29.

**Other Unification Discussion Resources** — To access other unification discussion resources (including an academic paper by **William Lahey** LLM, Associate Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University, which outlines potential benefits of unification for self-regulation), click on: [http://cpacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/SRO_Final_OverviewLinked.pdf](http://cpacanada.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/SRO_Final_OverviewLinked.pdf).

**CPA Today** — Check out the latest issue at: [http://echo4.bluehornet.com/hostedemail/email.htm?h=a1105c70f7ad7a15c496634f36c1df08&CID=mcid](http://echo4.bluehornet.com/hostedemail/email.htm?h=a1105c70f7ad7a15c496634f36c1df08&CID=mcid).

**UFE 2013**

After three days of intense focus, students are seen here leaving the Halifax exam centre, wrapping up another annual sitting of Canada’s Unification Evaluation (UFE) - Note: Nova Scotia students also wrote at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in Sydney, NS.

Held **September 10, 11 and 12**, this year’s UFE went off without a hitch, dodging any potential hurricane season hiccups. And, while we silently thank ‘Mother Nature’ for her cooperation, we’d also like to extend our appreciation to **Grant Thornton LLP** and **KPMG LLP** for their role in providing IT support.

Now, as this phase of the UFE process ends, it marks the beginning of another — the countdown to the much-anticipated results release day, which is **November 29th**. That said, please join us in wishing ‘good luck’ to all our 2013 candidates — fingers crossed!
### CPD DEVELOPMENT: ONLINE REPORTING FUNCTIONALITY

Members are reminded that the **new online functionality for CPD reporting is now available** through the ICANS’ website. Online CPD Reporting enables members to record their 2013 PD hours as the activity is undertaken. Further information was sent to members in the Annual Membership Fees and PD Report package, and is also available on the ICANS’ website at: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/professional-development/online-cpd-reporting/item72550.aspx](http://www.icans.ns.ca/professional-development/online-cpd-reporting/item72550.aspx).

Questions? Please contact **Danielle Roode**, ICANS’ Membership Registrar, at droode@icans.ns.ca.

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Please refer to the wording of Bulletin #2 at the following link for further information: [http://www.icans.ns.ca/professional-development/mandatory-cpd/bulletins/item68877.pdf](http://www.icans.ns.ca/professional-development/mandatory-cpd/bulletins/item68877.pdf).

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So, don’t delay; make sure you register for your preferred courses while they are available and at the right price!

To register online, click [here](http://www.icans.ns.ca/professional-development/online-cpd-reporting/item72550.aspx). **Remember . . . the deadline to purchase a 2013/2014 PD Passport is October 18th!**

Questions? Please contact ICANS’ Membership Registrar **Danielle Roode** (droode@icans.ns.ca) or ICANS’ Director of Professional Development **Kathie Slaunwhite** (kslaunwhite@icans.ns.ca).

You can also call the ICANS Office at (902) 425-3291.
FINANCIAL REPORTING & ASSURANCE STANDARDS HIGHLIGHTS

Below are news highlights re: financial reporting and assurance standards in Canada. To ensure you receive a complete account of the latest information from the Accounting Standards Oversight Council (AcSOC), the Accounting Standards Board (AcSB), the Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB), the Auditing and Assurance Standards Oversight Council (AASOC), and the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB), click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/site-utils/EmailCheck.aspx.

- **Exposure Draft - Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements** — The deadline for comments has been extended from October 11, 2013 to December 11, 2013, to allow sufficient time for consultation with stakeholders. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/assurance-and-related-services-standards/documents-for-comment/item74902.pdf.

  *Original Notice* — The AASB has issued an “Exposure Draft that proposes a new Canadian standard dealing with engagements to review historical financial statements to replace the existing review engagement standards that cover the same matters. Subject to input received from Canadian stakeholders, the proposed standard would be effective for reviews of historical financial statements for periods ending on or after December 14, 2015. Early adoption would not be permitted. *See page #7 for info on related webinar.*

- **Request for Input - Financial Reporting User Needs** — Does the reporting currently required by the CICA Handbook - Accounting adequately meet the needs of users of private sector NFPOs’ financial statements? Respond to this request for input by October 15, 2013 to help the AcSB develop future standards. To learn more, click on: http://fluidsurveys.com/s/AcSB_NFPO/.

- **Exposure Draft - Consolidations** — The AcSB has issued an “Exposure Draft that proposes to include guidance on consolidation of subsidiaries in Section 1591, Subsidiaries. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by November 11, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/standards-for-private-enterprises/documents-for-comment/item75262.pdf. *See page #7 for info on related webinar.*

- **Exposure Draft - Joint Arrangements and Investments** — The AcSB has issued an “Exposure Draft that proposes to replace Section 3055, Interests in Joint Ventures with Section 3056, Interests in Joint Arrangements and amend Section 3051, Investments. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by November 11, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/standards-for-private-enterprises/documents-for-comment/item75274.pdf. *See page #7 for info on related webinar.*

- **Exposure Draft - Reports on Supplementary Matters Arising from an Audit or a Review Engagement** — The AASB has issued an “Exposure Draft of a proposed new standard that addresses reporting on supplementary matters to a third party. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by November 29, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/assurance-and-related-services-standards/documents-for-comment/item75356.pdf. *See page #7 for info on related webinar.*

- **Statement of Principles - Assets, Contingent Assets and Contractual Rights** — PSAB has issued a Statement of Principles that proposes additional guidance on the definition of assets, disclosure requirements for assets and definitions of and standards on disclosure requirements for contingent assets and contractual rights. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by November 29, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/standards-for-public-sector-entities/documents-for-comment/item75732.pdf.

- **Statement of Principles - Improvements to Not-for-Profit Standards** — The deadline for comments has been extended from September 15, 2013 to December 15, 2013, to allow sufficient time for consultation with stakeholders. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/standards-for-not-for-profit-organizations/documents-for-comment/item73780.pdf.

  *Original Notice* — The AcSB and PSAB have issued a “Statement of Principles that proposes significant improvements to the existing standards for financial reporting by not-for-profit organizations (NFPOs) in both the private and public sectors. The proposals affect both Part III of the CICA Handbook - Accounting and the PS 4200 series of standards in the CICA Public Sector Accounting Handbook. The Boards are proposing the following improvements to the not-for-profit standards:

  - To enhance the comparability and understandability of the financial statements prepared by NFPOs. One proposal is to eliminate the size exemption, thereby requiring capital assets to be recognized by the entity regardless of the size of the NPO;
  - To improve the consistency between the not-for-profit standards and other standards followed by private and public sector entities;
  - To address those transactions and circumstances unique to NFPOs, such as recognition of contributions, allocation of expenses, and consolidation of controlled entities.

Since all NPOs will be affected by these proposed changes, practitioners and their clients are encouraged to learn more by reading the Statement of Principles, the first major step in the standards development process.

*See page #7 for info on related webinar.*
IFRS HIGHLIGHTS
Below are news highlights re: the IFRS Foundation (International Financial Reporting Standards) and the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB). To ensure you receive a complete account of the latest information, plug into the free, online subscription service of the IFRS Foundation — eIFRS — by clicking on http://eifrs.ifrs.org/IB/Register. Also, check out the numerous documents for comment on IFRS by visiting http://www.frascanada.ca/international-financial-reporting-standards/index.aspx.

- **Statement of Principles - Revenue** — PSAB has issued a *Statement of Principles containing proposals that will affect the reporting of a broad range of revenues. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by February 3, 2014. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/standards-for-public-sector-entities/documents-for-comment/item75759.pdf. *A webinar on this topic will be held on October 2 - click here to learn more and/or to register.*

- **IASB and AcSB Discussion Forum - Insurance Contracts** — Being held October 21 and 23, this forum provides an opportunity for participants to discuss the proposed model on accounting for insurance contracts with members of the IASB and the AcSB. The registration deadline is October 2; to learn more and/or to register, click here.

- **IASB Exposure Draft - Insurance Contracts** — The IASB has issued a revised Exposure Draft of a proposed standard on insurance contracts. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments to the IASB by October 25, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.ifrs.org/Current-Projects/IASB-Projects/Insurance-Contracts/Exposure-Draft-June-2013/Pages/Exposure-Draft-and-comment-letters.aspx.

  In addition, the AcSB has issued an Exposure Draft that corresponds to the IASB’s Exposure Draft on this topic. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by January 6, 2014.

- **IASB Exposure Draft - Agriculture: Bearer Plants (proposed amendments to IAS 16 and IAS 41)** — The IASB has issued an Exposure Draft proposing amendments to IAS 16 Property, Plant and Equipment and IAS 41 Agriculture. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments to the IASB by October 28, 2013. To learn more, click on: http://www.ifrs.org/Alerts/ProjectUpdate/Pages/IASB-issues-proposals-on-bearer-plants-June-2013.aspx.

- **IAASB Exposure Draft - Reporting on Audited Financial Statements: Proposed New and Revised International Standards on Auditing (ISAs)** — The IAASB has issued an *Exposure Draft that contains proposals intended to enhance the future auditor’s report. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to provide their comments to the IAASB by November 22, 2013. For more info, click on: http://www.ifac.org/publications-resources/reporting-audited-financial-statements-proposed-new-and-revised-international. *See page #6 for info on related webinar.*

- **Final Amendments - Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets** — The IASB has issued amendments to IAS 36 Impairment of Assets. The amendment addresses the disclosure of information about the recoverable amount of impaired assets if that amount is based on fair value less costs of disposal. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014. To learn more, click on: http://www.ifrs.org/Current-Projects/IASB-Projects/Recoverable-Amount-Disclosures-for-Non-Financial-Assets/Pages/Narrow-scope-amendments-IAS-36.aspx.
WEBINARS
In case you missed it . . . archived copies of the following webinars are available at:

- Statement of Principles - Improvements to Not-for-Profit Standards
- Practitioner’s Pulse Webinar: Key Developments Affecting Your Practice
- Revised Standard on Engagements to Review Historical Financial Statements: Improvements Proposed
- Improvements to Auditor Reporting: Significant Changes Proposed
- Exposure Draft - Reports on Supplementary Matters Arising from an Audit or a Review Engagement
- Revised Standards on Consolidations, Joint Arrangements and Investments: Ensure Your Voice is Heard!
- Common Engagement Deficiencies

*As CPA Canada has recently moved to a new webinar platform, it is strongly recommended that interested participants run the System Check to ensure they have a compatible version of Flash installed.

ICANS’ 2013 PRACTITIONER’S FORUM
Reserve your spot at ICANS’ 2013 Practitioner’s Forum, being held on October 24th at the Holiday Inn in Truro, NS. ICANS’ Practitioner’s Committee has organized a full agenda for the day-long conference, featuring a variety of practical and interesting topics to help practitioners in managing their practice and meeting clients’ needs. Topics for this year’s forum include:

- Estate Planning and Wealth Management;
- PSR Update;
- Secure Transfer of Electronic Communication;
- Practitioners Roundtable Discussions - Challenges and Concerns; and
- RCMP Financial Crime Investigations - Practitioner’s Involvement.

Note: Participants will receive CPD credits of six hours for attendance. Additional details and registration information will follow shortly via email. Don’t miss this opportunity to network and share experiences with other practitioners through the presentations, over lunch and during breaks. Questions? Please contact Wenda Bennett, CA, at wbennett@icans.ns.ca or by calling (902) 425-3291 ext. 26.

AEFNS - CALL FOR PROPOSALS
The Accounting Education Foundation of Nova Scotia (AEFNS) is looking for proposals or suggestions for projects which will help achieve its objectives. Members are invited to submit ideas by October 31, 2013 for projects or programs that will provide Nova Scotia educational institutions with the additional resources needed to strengthen the quality of accounting education in the province; and, improve communication with the academic community and help attract outstanding candidates to the accounting profession.

To this end, there are a wide variety of projects that fit the AEFNS’s mission. Ideas may include:

- curriculum development;
- research assistance;
- teaching awards;
- students awards;
- support for accounting activities; and
- sponsorship of guest speakers, among others.

Requests for support do not need to be detailed at this time — a description of the project, approximate amount of required funding and a time frame of the project will suffice. Further information on the Foundation and the guidelines for proposal submissions are available on ICANS’ website at: http://www.icans.ns.ca/about-icans/accounting-education-foundation/item69348.aspx or by contacting Wenda Bennett, CA, ICANS’ Director of Professional Standards, at wbennett@icans.ns.ca or at (902) 425-3291 ext. 26.
ECONOMIC OPTIMISM AMONG EXECUTIVE PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS AT ITS HIGHEST LEVEL IN TWO YEARS: CPA CANADA BUSINESS MONITOR

On September 22, 2013, CPA Canada issued a media release re: the latest CPA Canada Business Monitor (Q3 2013), which revealed that optimism about the Canadian economy is up sharply among executive professional accountants climbing to its highest level since the second quarter of 2011. In fact, the release reported that 37 per cent of the respondents surveyed are optimistic about how the national economy will perform over the next 12 months. In both the first and second quarters of this year, only 26 per cent were optimistic. Fifty-six per cent of those surveyed in the third quarter of 2013 are neutral and just under 10 per cent are pessimistic.

While there have been wide spread fluctuations since the quarterly surveys began, economic optimism is now at its highest level since Q2 2011 when 43 per cent of the respondents felt good about the prospects for the Canadian economy. The highest level of optimism for the ongoing research is 67 per cent, recorded in the second and third quarters of 2007.

“The increase in economic optimism is certainly positive, but it must be put into perspective,” says Kevin Dancey, FCPA, FCA, President and CEO, CPA Canada. “While very few of the respondents are pessimistic, the majority are still not prepared to express optimism. Hopefully, further upswings in optimism lie ahead.”

The state of the U.S. economy is viewed as the biggest challenge to economic growth by survey respondents (43 per cent) followed by uncertainty surrounding the Canadian economy (18 per cent). Company optimism is up slightly from last quarter. Fifty per cent are optimistic about how their company will perform over the next 12 months compared with 47 per cent the previous quarter. In addition, no significant changes are emerging in projections for revenues and profits with the majority of respondents still anticipating increases. Sixty-four per cent of respondents expect their revenues to grow in the next year and 59 per cent are forecasting an increase in profits.

Employment Projections Down

Despite an increase in economic optimism, the third quarter survey found that fewer respondents are forecasting an increase in employee numbers at their companies. Thirty-four per cent of the respondents expect employee numbers at their company to increase in the next 12 months, down from 40 per cent the previous quarter. Forty-seven per cent of the respondents anticipate no change and 19 per cent expect a drop.

Looking forward, some hiring challenges may be looming. Two-thirds of those surveyed believe that Canada does not have enough skilled workers and professionals to fill certain positions. In addition, roughly seven-in-ten (71 per cent) anticipate that their organization will have difficulty filling a skilled position over the next two years: 39 per cent referenced skilled trades, 22 per cent middle management; 15 per cent professional positions, 14 per cent senior management and 11 per cent stated other. More than one response could be provided. Twenty-nine per cent of those surveyed do not anticipate difficulty in filling any types of skilled positions.

When asked what steps their company takes to hire skilled workers, asking employees to refer potential candidates was the number one response (56 per cent). Using recruiting firms to source talent within the province was next, at 49 per cent.

“It makes sense for organizations to seek assistance from their employees,” says Dancey. “Employees understand the operation and recognize that it is their reputation on the line when recommending someone for a position.”

Background Information

The CPA Canada Business Monitor is issued quarterly, based on a survey commissioned by CPA Canada. The report draws upon business insights of professional accountants in leadership positions in privately and publicly held companies. For the Q3 2013 study, emailed surveys were completed by 200 of 4,245 identified by CPA Canada as holding senior positions (CFOs, CEOs, COOs and other senior executive roles). The response rate was 4.7 per cent, with a margin of error associated with this type of study at +/- 6.9 per cent, with a confidence level of 95 per cent. The survey was conducted by Harris/Decima Inc. from August 7 to September 3, 2013.

A background document is available at:

COMMUNITY CORNER

It’s no secret that ICANS members 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.

If you are an ICANS member 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 information (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 an ICANS member!
EVENTS OF INTEREST

**STEP ATLANTIC**
The Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners — STEP Atlantic — is pleased to announce that its 2013-14 program season is now open, beginning with the seminar, “Believe It or Not! Tricky Issues in Estate Planning & Administration”. Being held on **October 3rd** from 2:30 to 5 pm (Note: registration begins at 2 pm), this seminar is by videoconference from/to the Halifax office of Mclnnies Cooper. Moderated by Erin O’Brien Edmonds, QC, TEP, Crowe Dillon Robinson, Halifax, topics and speakers include: *The Abolition of the Rule Against Perpetuities* by Timothy Matthews, QC, BSc, JD, BCL, TEP, Stewart McKelvey, Halifax; *Voluntary Disclosures Program* by Ruth March, CA, TEP and Robbie Brown, CA, KPMG LLP, Halifax; and *Capacity and Power of Attorney Issues in a Banking Context* by Sarah Dykema, LLB, RBC Wealth Management - Estate & Trusts Services, Halifax. To register online, click [here](http://www.step.ca/about.asp); for paper registration, click [here](http://www.step.ca/about.asp).

For more info, visit: [http://www.step.ca/about.asp](http://www.step.ca/about.asp) or contact STEP Canada at 1-877-991-4949 ext. 221.

**CFA SOCIETY ATLANTIC CANADA LUNCHEON**
The Atlantic Canada CFA Society Board is hosting a special panel luncheon entitled, “Real Estate Investing - An Atlantic Canada Perspective”, on **October 10, 2013** at Casino Nova Scotia (Schooner Room) in Halifax, NS. As part of the luncheon, the following three CEOs from the region will present a snapshot of their company, area of focus and discuss growth opportunities, followed by a Q&A session:

- Donald Clow, FCA, President & CEO, Crombie REIT;
- Philip Fraser, President & CEO, Killam Properties Inc.; and
- Michael Zakuta, President, CEO & Director, Plazacorp Retail Property Ltd.

Michael Mills of Beacon Securities will serve as moderator of the session. Registration and buffet luncheon is from 11:45 am to 12:15 pm and the speaker presentation and Q&A is from 12:15 to 1:30 pm. For more info and/or to register, please click on: [http://www.cfasociety.org/atlanticcanada/Lists/Events%20Calendar/Attachments/48/Real%20Estate%20Luncheon%20-%20%20Oct%2010,%202013.pdf](http://www.cfasociety.org/atlanticcanada/Lists/Events%20Calendar/Attachments/48/Real%20Estate%20Luncheon%20-%20%20Oct%2010,%202013.pdf).

**CONTINUING EDUCATION**
The gateway to your continuing education is just a click away! Click through CICA’s web communities and what you’ll find is a convenient, easily accessible and affordable e-Learning platform. Learning formats, including the current and always popular Select Series in information technology topics and new e-Learning modules, the Select Series of information technology topics and new e-Learning courses.

**Coming up . . .**

- **Oct. 16 - 17** (optional workshop on Oct. 18) in Toronto, ON — National Conference on Income Taxes
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cit/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cit/about.cfm)
- **Oct. 21 - 22** in Toronto, ON — Debt & Equity in Corporate Finance
- **Oct. 23 - 24** in Ottawa, ON — Public Sector and Not-for-Profit Financial Reporting Conference
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/PublicSector/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/PublicSector/about.cfm)
- **Oct. 24 - 25** in Toronto, ON — Essentials of Audit Committee Membership Workshop
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/EACMW/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/EACMW/about.cfm)
- **Nov. 2 - 6** in Whistler, BC — Advanced Tax Issues for the Owner-Managed Business Course
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/at/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/at/about.cfm)
- **Nov. 9 - 13** in Mont Tremblant, QC — Corporate Reorganizations Course
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cr/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/cr/about.cfm)
- **Nov. 16 - 20** in Niagara Falls, ON — Foundations in International Tax Course
  [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/InternationalTax/about.cfm](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/InternationalTax/about.cfm)
- **Nov. 16 - 22** in Collingwood, ON — Income Tax Practice Course
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- **Nov. 20 - 21** (optional workshop on Nov. 19) in Toronto, ON — 2013 National Business and Industry Conference
- **Nov. 28 - 29** in Toronto, ON — Conference for Audit Committees
- **Dec. 8 - 11** in Niagara Region, ON — In-Depth Transfer Pricing Course: Part II
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MORE EVENTS OF INTEREST

WOMEN'S GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Presented by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Women’s Initiatives Executive Committee, in association with CPA Canada, this summit takes place October 24 - 25, 2013 at the JW Marriott in Washington, DC.

Under the theme, “Perspectives From the Front Lines,” the summit will focus on leadership, boardroom diversity, and best practices to enhance the skills and potential of women leaders within the financial community. In addition, the high-level caliber of speakers will provide training and information on how women can secure their future in this complex industry. That said, keynote speakers include: Katty Kay, Lead Anchor, BBC World News America, presenting, “Womenomics: A New Path to Business Success,” and Edie Weiner, President, Weiner, Edrich, Brown Inc., presenting, “A View From the Future.” Whether you attend on-site or on-line, you can take advantage of AICPA pricing — for more info, click here and enter the special promo code “CPACANADA”.

2013 ATLANTIC PROVINCES TAX CONFERENCE

Being held November 1 to 2, 2013 at Saint Mary’s University’s Sobey School of Business, the conference will begin with a series of extracurricular workshops, which will provide an opportunity for an in-depth review of focused topic areas — Note: an additional registration fee is charged for these workshops; space is limited, so register early to reserve a spot:

Workshop A  Trusts: In-depth Review — presented by Jim Mowbray, CA, Grant Thornton LLP, Saint John and Joel Reed, Stewart McKelvey, Saint John.


The conference will also feature the following sessions:

Current Issues Panel
Moderated by Dwayne MacKay, CA, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Halifax, the panel includes: P. Robert Arkin, Cox & Palmer, Halifax; Sarah Campbell, Patterson Law, Halifax; and Craig Wilson, Cox & Palmer, Saint John.

Real Property - Cross Border Issues

Start-ups A-Z

Trusts - The Twenty-One Year Rule
Presenters: Kate Harris, Patterson Law, Halifax; Daren Baxter, TEP, McInnes Cooper, Halifax; and Robert Miedema, Boyne Clarke LLP, Halifax.

Owner-Manager Compensation and Provincial Rate Update
Moderated by Carl Kent, FCA, TEP, Kent & Duffett, Kentville, presenters include: Danette Foster, CA, KPMG LLP Halifax and Raymond Adlington, McInnes Cooper, Halifax.

Family Business
Presenters: Larry Smith, CA, Dalhousie University, Halifax and Douglas W. Wright, Cox & Palmer, St. John’s.

Discussion of Intellectual Property/Restrictive Covenants Issues, Including Valuation Thoughts
Moderated by Bill Vienneau, FCA, TEP, WBLI Chartered Accountants, Bedford, with a presentation by Louis-Pierre Francoeur, CA, Grant Thornton LLP, Halifax.

Dealing with the CRA
Presenters: Jackie Poirier, Canada Revenue Agency, Halifax; Bruce Russell, QC, McInnes Cooper, Halifax; and Denis St-Pierre, FCGA, EPR, Bathurst.

The early bird registration deadline is October 18; for more info and/or to register, click here.
MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Mike MacDonald, who passed the 2012 UFE and works with Grant Thornton LLP in Sydney, NS, was featured in the September 2013 issue of CA Magazine (page #8). Mike recently won the title of Best Lifter Overall and a first place award in his weight class at the 2013 Canadian Powerlifting National Championships in Vancouver, BC.

NEW MEMBERS

The following individuals were admitted to membership through affiliation:

Sarah Brown, CA
Chris Dodds, CA
Tammy Squires, CA

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- Accounting for International Development (AfID)
- Accountant for Women’s Rights Charity (Cambodia)
- Accounting for International Development (AfID)
- Experienced Internal Auditor (Ethiopia)
- Accounting for International Development (AfID)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- CEO
  - Newfoundland & Labrador
- Controller
  - Charlottetown, PEI
- CEO
  - New Brunswick
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  - Halifax, NS

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REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- ICANS’ 2013 Practitioner’s Forum
  Oct. 24 - Truro
- ICANS’ 2013 Fall PD Week
  Nov. 18 - 22 - WTCC, Halifax
  Nov. 25 - 29 - Holiday Inn, Sydney
- UFE Release
  Nov. 29
- Annual Members’ Luncheons
  Dec. 13 - Marriott Harbourfront, Hotel, Halifax
  Dec. 17 - Holiday Inn, Sydney
- 2014 Convocation
  Feb. 15 - WTCC, Halifax

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