CONGRATULATIONS TO ICANS’ 2013 CA OF THE YEAR

DERRICK HAYES, CA, CMA

The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nova Scotia (ICANS) is proud to announce that Derrick Hayes, CA, CMA, an Associate Professor of Accounting and Department Chair of Finance and Information Management with Cape Breton University’s (CBU) Shannon School of Business, is the recipient of our 2013 Ross L. Towler CA of the Year Award.

Named after Ross L. Towler, FCA, upon his retirement in 1987 — after 28 years as ICANS Executive Director — the CA of the Year award is presented annually to a CA who embodies the spirit of community volunteerism.

“As tradition holds, the award is presented to an individual who exemplifies and celebrates the dedication of Nova Scotia CAs working tirelessly for good causes in their communities," explains ICANS’ CEO and Executive Director, Michele Wood-Tweel, FCA. “In their careers, CAs span the spectrum of organizational management and use their expertise and leadership to aid countless organizations. As this year’s CA of the Year, Derrick personifies community spirit and serves as a wonderful mentor to our students and new graduates.”

With a career enriched by volunteer endeavors, ICANS is particularly proud of Derrick’s leadership regarding the 2013 Canadian Little League Championships, held last August in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia. As the volunteer tournament chair, Derrick spent more than two years organizing this weeklong event — responsible for all aspects of its organization, which included managing the budget, recruiting more than 500 volunteers and overseeing all operations. The event drew seven teams from across Canada and throughout the week, attendees averaged 3,000 to 7,000 per game!

Of course, results like this generate great excitement for the next tournament, which is slated to be held by the 2013 champs from East Nepean, ON, in two years. In fact, upon reflection of the 2013 tournament, the East Nepean manager, Mark Keeping, was quoted in the Cape Breton Post (August 11, 2013) as saying: “We have a lot to live up to . . . I can’t thank the host chair enough and all the volunteers and the umpires and everybody for just how special this has been and the memories they have made for us.”

Derrick’s enthusiasm for sports is also noted by his service as Past Coach Coordinator for the Glace Bay Minor Hockey Association, and his continued role as coach in local hockey, soccer and baseball minor systems. Outside of this, Derrick is a member of the ICANS Council and is involved with Dreams Take Flight. In addition, he is the Past President of the CBU Alumni Association, and has been a member of numerous boards and committees within the University, such as the CBU Research Ethics Board, and AUS championship committees for women’s basketball, women’s volleyball and men’s soccer. Derrick is also a recent Past Chair of the Atlantic School of Chartered Accountancy and the Past Treasurer of the Sydney Ports Corporation and the Savoy Theatre.

In short, Derrick is a beacon of inspiration for anyone looking to make a difference and, in fact, he exemplifies the hundreds of Chartered Accountants who deserve our praise for their community-minded spirit. Please join us in wishing Derrick our heart-felt congratulations.

ICANS’ 2013 CA of the Year, Derrick Hayes, is pictured here with memorabilia from the 2013 Canadian Little League Championship that he chaired.

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ICANS’ MEMBERS’ LUNCHEONS

On December 13, 2013, ICANS members gathered at the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel in Halifax for the Institute’s Members’ Luncheon. This annual event is held to formally introduce the membership to the most recent UFE grads and FCAs.

On hand to help do this was Shelley Brown, FCPA, FCA, Chair of CPA Canada and Chair of CICA. Ms. Brown also provided members with an update re: unification. In addition, during the Halifax luncheon, the Institute’s 2013 Ross L. Towler CA of the Year Award was presented to Derrick Hayes, CA, CMA (see page #1 for profile). Derrick was also recognized at the Sydney Members’ Luncheon, which was held on December 17th at the Holiday Inn Sydney. Members and UFE grads who attended this luncheon also received an address by ICANS’ President Grant Galbraith, FCA.

CONVOCATION 2014

On February 15, 2014, the World Trade & Convention Centre in Halifax will welcome ICANS as members and guests gather to formally recognize the province’s newest UFE graduates and pay tribute to our newly minted FCAs. Ticket request forms will be issued in the near future and posted on the ICANS website at www.icans.ns.ca. Meanwhile, mark this date on your calendar and dust off your dancing shoes!

FRAME YOUR ACHIEVEMENT

Earning your CA designation is a personal and professional milestone, so why not ‘frame’ the moment to last forever! It’s quick and easy — without tools and fuss, you can have your certificate mounted in a high quality, Canadian-made, polished gold-colored, walnut wood frame (colored or dark stained), that features an elegant border mat and gold foil stamp of the profession’s logo.

COMMEMORATE YOUR SUCCESS WITH THIS RING

Available for purchase is a custom-made CA ring. Displaying a stylized ‘CA’, this unique ring has been around for more than 25 years and is an iconic symbol of the CA Profession. CA rings are available in either 10k or 14k, yellow or white gold, in both men’s and women’s designs/sizes.

UNITING THE CANADIAN ACCOUNTING PROFESSION

NEWS UPDATES

Three Manitoba Accounting Bodies Announce Merger Agreement — CPA Canada posted an update on December 19, 2013 to announce that CA, CMA and CGA members in Manitoba were informed that their respective Council and Boards have agreed to the terms of a merger that would unite the three self-regulated professions under the Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation. The merger agreement will be presented to the CGA membership prior to the year end. In accordance with CGA Manitoba by-laws, members will be asked to approve the agreement through a member vote. Online voting is expected to commence mid-January, 2014, with a special general member meeting held before the end of January to determine the results. With a successful vote, the three organizations will work together with the provincial government to enact CPA legislation that legally merges Manitoba’s accounting profession and establishes CPA Manitoba — one of the largest professional organizations in the province with over 9,500 members, candidates and students. Until such time as legislative changes are enacted, CA, CMA and CGA members will maintain their current designations and the three organizations will continue their existing mandates of self-regulation, education and advocacy.

CPA New Brunswick Unification Agency Provides Merger Update — CPA Canada posted an update on December 16, 2013 to announce that last week, the Unification Agency Board of the Chartered Professional Accountants - New Brunswick (CPA-NB) informed their members that the Council and Boards of the NBICA, CGA-NB and CMA-NB have agreed to form a joint venture to carry out the transition activities as outlined in the merger proposal, until such time as the CPA legislation is proclaimed later in 2014. It is expected that the joint venture agreement will be finalized in January 2014. The Unification Agency Board was also pleased to announce that Nancy Whipp, CPA, CA, has been appointed as Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Nancy was selected as a result of a national search and will assume her new role in January 2014. Nancy has been a professional advisor to a range of businesses in New Brunswick and provided transformational leadership to the Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce as their CEO. Prior to moving to New Brunswick, Nancy held financial leadership roles with JTI-McDonald Corp., Unsworth and Associates in Luxembourg, KPMG, Canadian National Railway, BCE Inc. and Pirelli Cables Inc. Nancy completed her CA designation with Ernst & Young in Montreal in 1989. Reporting to the Unification Agency Board, Nancy is looking forward to working with the members and staff to assure a smooth transition of the three legacy organizations into one united provincial body. The Unification Agency Board also advised that the head office of CPA-NB will be located in Moncton, NB. Details on timing and location will be communicated once confirmed.

UNIFICATION RESOURCES

To access 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. In addition, check out the following:

CPA Canada’s Gone Social - Join the Conversation — CPA Canada has joined the accounting and business conversation online and is connecting with members and other key stakeholders through corporate channels. Join the conversation on LinkedIn (CPA Canada), Twitter (@CPAcanada) and YouTube (YouTube.com/CPAcanada).

CPA Marketing Material — With the launch of the CPA national ad campaign, a suite of communications and marketing resources is available for your use. To access these items and to learn more about the CPA national ad campaign, visit: www.CPAPro.ca.

CPA Today — Check out the latest issue of this publication at: http://echo4.bluehornet.com/hostedemail/email.htm?h=517fe21e2321d42da14339a0090509f&CID=mcid
TELUS WINNING STREAK CONTINUES AT CPA CANADA’S CORPORATE REPORTING AWARDS

CPA Canada issued a media release on December 4, 2013 to announce that TELUS captured the Overall Award of Excellence for the fourth straight year at the annual CPA Canada Corporate Reporting Awards. For more than 60 years, the awards have recognized the best reporting models in the country.

“TELUS stays on top by striving for continuous improvement in its corporate reporting,” said CPA Canada’s President and CEO Kevin Dancey, FCPA, FCA. “The company is committed to enhancing the quality and value of the information it presents to stakeholders. Congratulations to TELUS on its impressive run.”

TELUS also won the Award of Excellence in the Communications and Media sector, and received an Honourable Mention in both the Financial Reporting and Sustainable Development Reporting categories.

“It is a tremendous honour to be recognized by CPA Canada for the 19th straight year and we are thrilled to receive the Overall Award of Excellence once again,” said John Gossing, TELUS’ Executive Vice-President and CFO. “We thank the judges for the careful review and look forward to reading their feedback, which will help us continue to evolve and enhance our reporting. I also want to acknowledge the incredible team at TELUS that, each year, strives to give investors a clear view into our business, so they can make informed decisions.”

In total, 22 awards, with winners from both the corporate and public sectors, were handed out at the ceremony, which took place during a special gala in Toronto on December 4th (please see below for a complete list of recipients). The media release also stated that TELUS was not the only multiple winner.

PotashCorp captured Awards of Excellence in the Mining sector and in both the Financial Reporting and Electronic Disclosure categories. Suncor Energy won two Awards of Excellence, winning in the Oil & Gas sector and in the Sustainable Development Reporting category. Royal Bank of Canada received double recognition as well, collecting the Award of Excellence in the Financial Services sector and an Honourable Mention in the Corporate Governance category.

Turning to the Crown Corporation categories, the 2013 winners were CBC/Radio-Canada (Large-Federal), Defence Construction Canada (Small-Federal) and SaskTel (Provincial).

“The awards program goes beyond identifying and honoring the winners; it aims to promote the best reporting practices,” explained Dancey. “We salute all of the participants and recognize their efforts in playing an active role in advancing corporate reporting in Canada.”

CPA Canada’s 2013 Corporate Reporting Award Recipients (Note: for more info about the awards program, visit www.cpacanada.ca/CRA)

Overall Award of Excellence

TELUS

Awards of Excellence (Industry Sectors)

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Clean Technology
Capstone Infrastructure Corporation

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Communications & Media
TELUS

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Consumer Products
Canadian Tire Corporation, Limited

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Diversified Industries
Stantec

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Financial Services
Royal Bank of Canada

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Industrials & Energy
Bombardier Inc.

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Mining
PotashCorp

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Oil & Gas
Suncor Energy

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Small Cap/Venture
Catalyst Paper Corporation

Award of Excellence in Corporate Reporting: Utilities & Pipelines/Real Estate
Enbridge Inc.

Awards of Excellence (Judging Categories)

Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting
PotashCorp

Honorable Mention for Financial Reporting
TELUS

Award of Excellence in Electronic Disclosure
PotashCorp

Honorable Mention in Electronic Disclosure
GOLDCORP

Award of Excellence in Sustainable Development Reporting
Suncor Energy

Honorable Mention for Sustainable Development Reporting
TELUS

Award of Excellence in Corporate Governance Disclosure
TD Bank Group

Honorable Mention for Corporate Governance Disclosure
Royal Bank of Canada

Awards of Excellence (Crown Corporations)

Award of Excellence: Federal Crown Corporation - Large
CBC/Radio-Canada

Award of Excellence: Federal Crown Corporation - Small
Defence Construction Canada

Award of Excellence: Provincial Crown Corporation
SaskTel
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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.

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

CPA SPONSORS JA NOVA SCOTIA’S ‘PITCH IT!” LUNCHEON
On November 27, 2013, ICANS and CMA Nova Scotia, as CPA, teamed up to serve as the platinum sponsor of Junior Achievement (JA) of Nova Scotia’s Pitch It! provincial finals — an event which raised over $53,000 in support of JA programs on financial literacy and business education for youth. Representing ICANS at the luncheon were Recruitment Committee members Lisa Jardine and Robert Bourgeois, who shared a table with representatives from CMA Nova Scotia and some JA students.

Pitch It! is JA’s version of the CBC series, Dragons’ Den. It is a competition where aspiring entrepreneurs from JA’s Company Program pitch their business concepts to a panel of business coaches. Four regional events were held in November and the luncheon on November 27th was the provincial finals, where the winning companies had an opportunity to pitch their ideas to an audience of business leaders, including celebrity coach Dianne Buckner, host of CBC’s Dragons’ Den. Mark Surrette, Founder and President of Knightsbridge Robertson Surrette and Mike Brown, Owner and Operator of Green Gutter Solutions.

Students from JA Nova Scotia’s Company Program pitch their business concept to judges at the organization’s provincial Pitch It! Finals.

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**PD NEWS — GET A HEAD START ON YOUR NEXT CPD REPORTING CYCLE**
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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-utilities/EmailCheck.aspx.

- **Exposure Draft - Insurance Contracts** — The AcSB has issued an Exposure Draft that corresponds to the IASB's revised Exposure Draft of a proposed standard on insurance contracts. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments, on the form provided, by January 6, 2014. For more info, click on: http://www.frascanada.ca/international-financial-reporting-standards/documents-for-comment/item75876.pdf.

- **Exposure Draft - Auditor Review of Interim Financial Statements** — Comments re: this Exposure Draft are due by January 15, 2014; to learn more, click here.

- **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. *See page #7 for info on related webinar.*

- **IPSASB Exposure Draft - First-Time Adoption of Accrual Basis IPSASs** — IPSASB has issued an Exposure Draft providing a comprehensive set of principles that provides relief to entities that adopt the accrual basis IPSASs for the first time. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to provide their comments to IPSASB by February 15, 2014. To learn more, click on: https://www.ifac.org/sites/default/files/publications/files/IPSASB-ED-53-First-Time-Adoption-of-Accrual-Basis-IPSASs_0.pdf.

- **IPSASB Exposure Drafts - Accounting for Interests in Other Entities** — IPSASB has issued five Exposure Drafts proposing how public sector entities should account for their interests in other entities as part of its strategy to converge IPSASs with IFRSs. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to provide their comments to IPSASB by February 28, 2014. To learn more, click on: http://www.ifac.org/news-events/2013-10/ipsasb-publishes-exposure-drafts-48-52-accounting-interests-other-entities.

- **Volunteer Opportunity - Public Sector Accounting Board** — The AcSOC is currently seeking new members to appoint to the Public Sector Advisory Board. To learn more, click here.

- **Volunteer Opportunity - Accounting Standards Board** — The AcSOC is currently seeking new members to appoint to the Accounting Standards Board. To learn more, click here.

APPLYING THE STANDARDS - NEW RESOURCES

- **Supporting Investment Fund Firms Adopting IFRS in 2014** — Investment Companies in Canada that are publicly accountable enterprises are required to adopt IFRSs for annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2014. With an IFRS specific webpage dedicated to investment funds, CPA Canada is committed to supporting these companies on how to understand and apply IFRSs.

OTHER RESOURCES

- **The Benefits and Risks of Cloud Computing: Article for Small and Medium-Sized Practices** — This new article looks at some of the benefits and risks associated with using cloud computing in small and medium-sized practices (SMPs). Developed by CPA Canada's Information Management and Technology Advisory Committee, the piece discusses how cloud computing can offer an alternative way to consume technology, such as on as ‘as needed’ basis, instead of investing in hardware and software upfront. In addition to providing an overview of the benefits and risks, the article also looks at issues of confidentiality, privacy and security. To download, go to SMPs and the Cloud.
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.

- **Final Amendments - Recoverable Amount Disclosures for Non-Financial Assets** — The IASB has issued amendments to IAS 36 *Impairment of Assets*. The amendments address 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.

- **Final Amendments - Hedge Accounting** — The AcSB has decided, subject to a written ballot, to incorporate into Part I of the Handbook, hedge accounting guidance and other amendments issued by the IASB in November 2013. The amendments are expected to be issued and become part of Canadian GAAP in the first quarter of 2014. To learn more, click here.

- **IASB Exposure Draft - Equity Method in Separate Financial Statements (Proposed Amendments to IAS 27)** — the IASB has issued an Exposure Draft proposing amendments to IAS 27 *Separate Financial Statements*. Canadian stakeholders are encouraged to submit their comments to the IASB by February 3, 2014. To learn more, click here.

- **Final Amendment - Defined Benefit Plans: Employee Contributions** — The IASB has issued narrow-scope amendments to IAS 19 *Employee Benefits* to simplify the accounting for contributions from employees or third parties to defined benefit plans that are independent of the number of years of service. The amendments are effective for annual periods beginning on or after July 1, 2014. To learn more, click here.

- **IFRS Discussion Group - Report on September 5, 2013 Meeting** — To read the report for details about the Group’s discussions in September 2013, click here. To listen to the audio recordings to hear the Group’s full discussion, click here.

**WEBINARS**

In case you missed it . . . archived copies of the following *webinars are available at: http://www.cica.ca/career-and-professional-development/webinars/item63243.aspx.

- Statement of Principles - Revenue
- 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
- Common Engagement Deficiencies
- Increasing the Effectiveness of C-PEM in Your Practice and What’s New in the 2013 Edition
- How is Canadian GAAP Being Further Developed?

*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.*
EVENTS OF INTEREST

UPCOMING CANADIAN CENTRE FOR ETHICS IN PUBLIC AFFAIRS (CCEPA) EVENT

- **February 6, 2014** (12 noon to 1 pm) — Business Ethics Training Practices in Canadian Businesses
  
  Saint Mary’s University Professor and CCEPA Research Fellow Dr. Margaret McKee will present highlights from a CCEPA-sponsored research study of efforts by Canadian firms to educate employees about ethical issues in the workplace.
  
  **Space is limited and registration is required** — contact CCEPA General Manager Chris Stover at chris.stover@ccepa.ca or by calling (902) 428-4731. You can also visit the CCEPA website at [www.ccepa.ca](http://www.ccepa.ca).

AFOA CANADA NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2014

The Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of Canada (AFOA) is holding a national conference for Aboriginal financial professionals, management and elected leaders, **February 25 - 27, 2014** in Halifax, NS, at the World Trade and Convention Centre.

Featuring information sessions on issues, products and services, keynote speakers and trade show exhibits, the conference will focus on the importance of contributing to aligning efforts toward a common destination, and the initiatives some communities and organizations are currently engaged in within Canada and abroad. The conference will also provide some insights to key governance, management and financial issues at a local, regional, national and international level. For more information and/or to register, visit: [http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/Pro%20Dev%20Events/Conferences/2014_National_Conference/en/02_ProDevEvents/03_Conferences/2014_Conference/00_Welcome.aspx?hkey=a2902087-a922-4b2f-be16-7040fe81144b](http://www.afoa.ca/afoaen/Pro%20Dev%20Events/Conferences/2014_National_Conference/en/02_ProDevEvents/03_Conferences/2014_Conference/00_Welcome.aspx?hkey=a2902087-a922-4b2f-be16-7040fe81144b).

CFA SOCIETY, ATLANTIC CANADA’S 23rd ANNUAL FORECAST DINNER

Mark your calendar now for the CFA Society, Atlantic Canada’s 23rd Annual Forecast Dinner, being held on **February 27, 2014**. Guest speaker will be Dennis H. Gartman from The Gartman Letter. Stay tuned for more info or check out [www.cfaatlantic.com](http://www.cfaatlantic.com) or contact cfaatlantic@cfaatlantic.com or (902) 832-2827.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: THE CPA CANADA AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE IN PUBLIC SECTOR FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The CPA Canada Awards of Excellence for Public Sector in Financial Management shines a spotlight on financial professionals in the federal government who excel in their field. Formerly known as the Award of Excellence for Comptrollership in the Public Sector, these annual, national awards celebrate significant achievements in financial management within the Government of Canada. Nominations are now open for the 2014 awards, which will be presented in Ottawa next May. The program includes three award categories: Innovation, Financial Leadership and Lifetime Achievement. For nomination forms and/or more info, visit [cpacanada.ca/PSFMawards](http://cpacanada.ca/PSFMawards). Nominations close **February 7, 2014**.
CONTINUING EDUCATION
The gateway to your continuing education is just a click away! Click through CPA Canada's web communities and what you'll find is a diverse range of in-class and on-line learning in core areas such as income tax and financial reporting, and in unique practice areas and industries such as information security and corporate finance.
Moreover, you'll find weekly information updates on key tax, technology, financial reporting, practice management and other topics, easy registration options, and improved access to hundreds of hours of verifiable CPD credits in convenient, easily accessible and affordable e-Learning formats, including the current and always popular Xtensions products, new corporate finance modules, the Select Series of information technology topics and new e-Learning courses.

Coming up . . .

- Jan. 20 - 22 in Las Vegas, USA — Advanced Personal Financial Planning Conference
  [http://www.cica.ca/career-and-professional-development/item75048.pdf](http://www.cica.ca/career-and-professional-development/item75048.pdf)
- Feb. 24 - 26 in Toronto, ON — Public Sector Financial Reporting and Accounting Course
- Mar. 2014 in Calgary, AB — Commodity Tax Symposium (West)

For information on all CPA Continuing Education courses and products, please visit: [http://www.cpd.cica.ca/](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/)

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!

REMEMBER . . . CPD ONLINE REPORTING IS NOW HERE!

If you haven't already, we encourage you to check out ICANS’ new online functionality for CPD.

Now you can record your PD hours, whenever and wherever you like. Record as you go — check in, check out — what could be easier!

Click [here](http://www.cpd.cica.ca/) to get started and if you have any questions, please contact Danielle Roode, ICANS’ Membership Registrar, at droode@icans.ns.ca.
REMINDERS AND IMPORTANT DATES

◆ 2014 Convocation
   Feb. 15 - WTCC, Halifax

CAREER OPPORTUNITES ON THE WEB
Employment and volunteer opportunities can be found at http://www.icans.ns.ca/members/career-opportunities/item69073.aspx. Check out the following:

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Auditor
  - Commonwealth Judicial Education Institute

- Accountant (Sri Lanka)
  - Accounting for International Development (AfiD)

- Treasurer
  - Friends of Gilda Society

- Accountant (Cape Town)
  - Accounting for International Development (AfiD)

- Accountant
  - Halifax North West Trails Association

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Public Accountant/Accounting Technician
  - Halifax, NS

- CEO
  - Halifax, NS

Note: Other career opportunities, together with valuable information and guidance on career counseling, etc., can be found at CPA Source.

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