



## *Message from the Chair*

Dear members of Sudbury Chapter:

We find ourselves at the end of another fiscal year. The time has come for me to step down from the position of chair, and hand over the responsibilities to incoming chair, David Venn, CGA. I know he'll do a great job on behalf of Sudbury Chapter. It has been a great pleasure and honour to serve on Sudbury Chapter's board of directors for all these years. I would like to thank the entire board for all of their hard work during my two years as chapter chair.

Please join us for the wrap-up event, the annual general meeting (AGM), scheduled on Saturday, May 26, 2001. At this event we will review the current year and begin planning for the coming one, as well as having a good time. Further information regarding the AGM can be found in this newsletter (see page 2).

As we continue to grow and plan future events, we always need the input and advice of members regarding the types of seminars and activities you'd like to see held in your chapter. Feel free to call or e-mail any of the board members to communicate your ideas. You can make a difference in your chapter.

Farewell!

**Rachelle Décosse, CGA**  
Chair, Sudbury Chapter



## *Congratulations on Excellence*

Congratulations to **Nicole Piloted**, the recipient of a CGA Award of Excellence in the accounting program at Cambrian College of Applied Arts and Technology. The Cambrian Foundation Awards Ceremony was held on March 20, 2001, at the Cambrian Foundation.

Currently Nicole works part-time at Collins Barrow Chartered Accountants. She will work there full-time once she graduates from Cambrian College. She will also be entering the CGA program of professional studies in the fall of 2001.

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## *Volunteer Tax Preparation Service*

Our annual tax preparation service was held at Pioneer Manner on March 20, 2001, where a group of volunteers prepared approximately 70 tax returns for Sudbury-area seniors.

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who volunteered:

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Plan to volunteer for next year's tax preparation service. It's a great experience.

## Red Tape Commission

Ontario's Red Tape Commission recently launched a consultation to examine the regulation of public accounting in Ontario.

CGA Ontario submitted an extensive paper outlining concerns with the current system, and suggestions for change that would ensure fair and equal access to the market for all professional accountants, while protecting business and consumers.

On May 25, 2001, the Commission will release a paper outlining the submissions they have received. Organizations and individuals will then be able to comment further until June 22, 2001.

If you are interested in learning more about the Red Tape Commission, access <[www.redtape.gov.on.ca](http://www.redtape.gov.on.ca)>. As well, consider writing or visiting your MPP to let him or her know your feelings.

For more information, contact your chapter representative or Michael Low, CGA Ontario's manager, government relations, at <[mlow@cga-ontario.org](mailto:mlow@cga-ontario.org)>.

### Quote of the Month...

"I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody."

Bill Cosby

## Annual General Meeting and True Colours

Join us at Sudbury Chapter's 38th annual general meeting, then be entertained during an interactive workshop led by Michael Tudor of Toronto.

Through the use of four colours, the True Colours seminar helps you recognize and appreciate your unique strengths and preferences, as well as those of your colleagues and friends. The True Colours philosophy provides valuable tools for maximizing communication and improving professional and personal relationships

It's dramatic and funny and should not be missed!

Michael Tudor is an educator at the University of Toronto. He is a recognized, international seminar leader, who has presented to audiences, ranging from administrators and leaders in education to those employed in the corporate world.

Special guest Michelle Causton, FCGA, president of CGA Ontario, will be in attendance.

**When:** Saturday, May 26, 2001

**Times:** AGM - 2:30 p.m.

True Colours: - 4 to 9 p.m. (time period includes a dinner)

Cash bar: - 9 p.m.

**Where:** Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel (formerly Four Points Hotel), Sudbury

**Cost:** AGM - No charge

Seminar/dinner: - \$50/person or

- \$80/couple

The registration deadline is **Wednesday, May 18, 2001**. Please contact Julie Coffin at 705-522-1422 or send an e-mail message to <[juliec@isys.ca](mailto:juliec@isys.ca)> if you plan to attend.

Please make cheque payable to *CGA Ontario Sudbury Chapter*. Mail to:

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If you've never attended an AGM in the past, why not make this your first? The meeting and social events are planned for the benefit of chapter members (CGAs and students).

## Invigilators

A special thank-you goes out to everyone who invigilated an exam in December and March:

Josh Autio, CGA

Rick Bouffard, CGA

Chantal Gauthier, CGA

Kim Keskinen, CGA

Jodie Koski, CGA

Lynn St. George, CGA

Sudbury Chapter is always recruiting volunteers to invigilate exams. It only takes three to four hours of your time and it is very important to the students who write these exams.

Should you wish to volunteer your time for an exam, please contact any board member.

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## ***Employment Experience Portfolio Assessment System (EPAS) Requirement***

Are you wondering if your employment experience will be sufficient to meet the finalist level requirement? Perhaps you are unfamiliar with this requirement.

In addition to academic completion, students in the CGA program of professional studies also must have a minimum of two years' eligible professional experience in intermediate and senior level positions to qualify for admission into membership. Over the minimum two-year period, the majority of your experience should be at the senior level.

How do you know when you have reached an intermediate or senior level experience? Review your course learning objectives in the level 4 (intermediate) and levels 5 and 6 (senior) courses. Your work environment should be providing you with the opportunity to demonstrate these skills.

For more information on the experience portfolio assessment (EPAS) requirement, send an empty e-mail message to <epas@cga-ontario.org>. Select an attachment (document) compatible with your word processing software to learn more about the experience data collection form, several frequently asked questions from students, along with responses and a competency document with examples taken from the intermediate and senior level course learning objectives that may allow you to meet the requirement.

Any further inquiries can be submitted to CGA Ontario's student services department online through the Web site, by visiting the secured Students section. Alternatively, call 1-800-668-1454, ext. 390.

## ***Ten Reasons Why Public Accountancy Rights Are Important To Every CGA...***

1. Perception: "All professional accountants are chartered accountants." Amendments to the *Public Accountancy Act* will remove this misconception.
2. Professionalism: CGAs are highly trained professionals. Not allowing them to practise public accountancy demeans this ability.
3. Access: Ability deserves access. Whether to practise public accountancy should be the *practitioner's* choice. It should not be dictated by an outdated provincial law.
4. Visibility: Chartered accountants enhance their visibility by attaching their names to financial statements. CGAs should be allowed to do the same.
5. Career Advancement: Too many organizations consider only CAs when hiring senior financial executives. Why? Because they are currently more visible.' (See #4.)
6. Recognition: CGAs should be in the forefront of analysis of major financial announcements, such as government budgets. Often the media seeks out CAs first for comments.
7. 'Level playing field': If a CGA is qualified, he or she should have the opportunity to obtain a public accountancy licence, regardless of designation.
8. Mobility: CGA and CA designations are mutually accepted in most other provinces. Why should crossing a provincial boundary have an effect on your qualifications and livelihood?
9. Business climate: Governments of all political stripes are committed to improving the business climate, creating jobs and assisting small businesses.
10. Public benefit: More competition is good for business and consumers. Monopolies are not.

Do your part and make public accountancy rights a reality for Ontario CGAs!

To volunteer your time for political action, or for more information, please contact:

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