



Message from the Chair

Dear Members and Students:

What an exciting
time to be a
CGA!



We find ourselves closer to full access to public accounting licences than we have ever been—especially at a time when the accounting profession must reinvent itself in order to regain consumer confidence.

With our high level of skills and strong ethics, we as an Association are well-positioned to thrive in this new business environment.

My attendance at the 2002 conference and admission to membership ceremony has only confirmed this. The CGA family is truly made up of exceptional individuals. Sincere congratulations to the new members of Sudbury Chapter.

But enough of the horn-blowing. Let me discuss a little of what is happening in Sudbury Chapter this year.

Continuing Professional Development Credits: Can't Get Enough!

In early October we hosted our annual Northern Summit along with the CAFPP, CAIFA and CAPP. This event was a great success as we highlighted fantastic speakers such as CGA Ontario's 2002/2003 president Glen Schmidt, FCGA. Topics ranged from GAAP/GAAS review and taxation updates to life planning and the new controllership function.

If you missed it, don't despair. You will have a chance to earn some CPDs at our January 2003 seminar on risk management. Details to be announced.

Community Involvement

Once again, we will be providing tax preparation services for the residents of Pioneer Manor. I have always found this event to be personally fulfilling. Once the date is set, please plan to lend a hand at this session.

We will also be helping the Big Sisters' Curling Funspiel this year. If you wish to volunteer your time, or simply enter a team, please let me know. You can send an e-mail message to me at <pgionet@isys.ca> and I'll ensure that you receive the proper information/registration form.

Our Friends in Timmins

Thank you so very much to the CGAs and students of the Timmins area for their fabulous hospitality to board members (including me) who visited you October 2002. We hope that CGA Ontario's manager, admissions and post-secondary liaison, Don Hutton's local information session proved helpful to you.

We have been approached by the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Porcupine with a request to help them out during its first ever bike-a-thon. As I get more information on this event, I will forward it to Astrid Schmidt, our Timmins liaison. If you are interested in participating, please contact Astrid. (See page 4 for contact information.)

'Fore !

We will be hosting a golf tournament, together with our annual general meeting. This event will be held in late May or early June 2003. As soon as details are available, we will share them with you. We hope that you will enter a foursome and, perhaps, donate some prizes.

We Need You

The successful operation of this chapter requires the help of dedicated CGAs and students. I wish to thank my current board for their hard work through the first half of this fiscal year.

If you would like to help by taking a position on the board or by participating in one of the committees, please do not hesitate to contact one of the board members who will be happy to guide you in the right direction.

Alternatively, you can show your support for our chapter by attending one of our events. I look forward to meeting you personally.

Pierre Gionet, CGA
Sudbury Chapter Chair

Student Night

Student Night 2002 was well received by CGAs, students, and as aspiring students. Don Hutton, B.Ed., CGA, CGA Ontario's manager, admissions and post-secondary liaison, once again joined our group in what proved to be a very informative session. He introduced the facts surrounding CGA Ontario's newly formed partnership with Laurentian University for a degree

opportunity as well as addressing the changes to exam markings.

There was much enthusiasm about degree opportunities that filled the room, especially because this is now being offered locally. As an added attraction, we were fortunate to have Yves Robichaud, CGA of Laurentian University, to assist Don with questions directly related to the university. I must commend Don and Yves on a job well done. Together, all questions were answered.

The evening was capped with mingling and finger foods.

Until next time, thank you for your participation, and best of luck in your studies as well as future endeavors.

Remember, to study hard, but also to play hard too.

Colette Barette, CGA
Education Representative

Thank You Exam Invigilators

We would like to thank all the invigilators who have taken the time to help supervise the CGA exams session from last spring session to our last fall session.

Colette Barrette, CGA
Sandra Ferguson, CGA
Catherine Huneault, CGA
Jack MacMillan, CGA
Angela McCandless, CGA
Monique Poirier, CGA
Michel Proulx, CGA
Peter Smith, CGA
Tim Whalen, CGA

Anyone who would like to help during these sessions is asked to contact a director from Sudbury Chapter's board.

Annual Timmins Meeting

Once again the board members of Sudbury Chapter travelled to Timmins, to see how we can help our members in this region. We were honored to have Don Hutton, CGA Ontario's manager, admissions and post-secondary liaison, explain to the members and students in attendance the changes to the CGA program of professional studies and the new relationships built to provide a degree opportunity to all students and members. For all the students in attendance, the demonstration of CGA Ontario's online learning environment (OLE) was very interesting. Interaction between students has increased with this new learning tool.

The session continued with all CGAs and students sharing experiences. The evening was a great success.

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Upcoming Events

Risk Management: Importance and Application

Speaker: Nick Shepherd, CGA
Date: Thursday, January 23, 2003.
Time: 7 - 9:30 p.m.
Location: Howard Johnson, 1696 Regent Street, Sudbury
Cost: \$30 per person
Contact: Sandra Ferguson, CGA at H: 705-629-7633

Nick Shepherd, CGA, will be presenting an abbreviated version of the workshop he offers via CGA Ontario's 2002/2003 Professional Development Opportunities program.

Topics include:

- risk management—not just insurance
- identifying the types of organizational risks that exist
- how to identify and map an organization's risk profile
- recognizing risk management as an opportunity for success
- alternative scenarios for managing risk
- how to create an action plan for organizational risk management
- relationships between risk management, intellectual capital and knowledge management; and
- actions to maintain and sustain a risk management program.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please send registration form to:

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Registration Form Sudbury Chapter - Risk Management: Importance and Application Thursday, January 23, 2003

Please register # _____ \$30 per person

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Name: _____

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Tax Preparation Services: March 2003

In March 2003 Sudbury Chapter, once again, plans to help our seniors during tax season. Volunteers are needed to help complete tax returns this spring. Contact a board member and let us know if you can offer an hour or two to help your community. The exact date of this tax preparation service will be announced in the new year.

We are currently looking into having a second tax preparation service for the general public in partnership with the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency. Details to be announced.

Sudbury Chapter Annual General Meeting

You will not want to miss our annual general meeting and golf tournament for the year ending June 2003. We are celebrating our 40th anniversary as a part of the Sudbury community. We have reason to celebrate! The achievements accomplished by Sudbury Chapter and CGA Ontario are grander each year.

Mark sure to look for the details on this event in the New Year.

Congratulations to All New Members

A big "Congratulations!" from everyone in Sudbury Chapter to the following new 2002 members who received their designation:

Colette Barrette
Bryan Benetts
Charlene de Burger
Catherine Huneault
Erin Neville
Paul Proulx
Daniel Robillard

2002/2003 Board of Directors Sudbury Chapter

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