

Alberta Branch Quarterly Newsletter

Fall/Winter 2008

It is that time of year when the summer has ended, the children are back at school, the leaves have fallen and the snow is soon to arrive. To the surprise of the author, 2008 is coming to a quick end, with the Christmas holidays just around the corner. Your Alberta Board of Directors meet on a regular monthly basis to discuss matters relating to increasing membership numbers and organizing events that would appeal and benefit members.

In November, the Alberta Branch is pleased to acknowledge the arrival of the Directors' Education Accreditation Program ("DEAP") to Calgary for three days starting on November 24, 2008. DEAP targets directors of government, small and mid-sized companies, and non-profit organization. Focus on governance, financial disclosure and reporting, enterprise risk management, and strategy, allowing participants to develop a toolkit to help them address the challenges and opportunities faced by their organizations. If you are interested in attending this program or want more information, please visit <http://www.icsacanada.org/DEAP/default.asp>.

If you plan to be in the Toronto area at the beginning of December, we would encourage you to attend the Corporate Governance Symposium December 4 & 5, 2008 in Toronto where Alberta's own Bill McGannon will be presenting "*Risky Business*" where participants will learn to identify, assess and manage the different types of risk organizations face. The presentation will include risk management frameworks, the evolving issue of reputational risk; and risk compliance and insurance. For more information and registration information, please visit <http://www.icsacanada.org/Symposium/symposia.asp>.

The Programmes Committee, co-chaired by Judie Parker and Chitrika Weerasekera, continues to look for opportunities for its members to network and learn about industry-driven news. We want to organize events that are of interest to our members. As such, we ask each of you to consider topics you would find interesting and provide comments directly to Judie or Chitrika.

Of course, if you know of anyone that would like to become a member of the Alberta Branch of ICSA or wants more information on membership, please contact Chitrika Weerasekera directly.

On a sad note, I would like to bring your attention to the passing of Alex Halliwell, FCIS on November 10, 2008. Alex was very active with the Alberta Branch over several years having served as a director in the 1970's and early 1980's. He was the Branch Chairman in 1975/76. During his retirement years, Alex continued to be active in the Branch by researching Alberta's archives and wrote an account of the very early days of ICSA in Alberta, which we are very proud to have in our possession today. Alex faithfully attended members meetings throughout the years, even to the time he relocated outside of Calgary. He was always a very gracious person and we are truly sorry to hear of his recent passing. I am proud to note that the Alberta Branch will be making a donation in his name to his family's organization of choice.

On behalf of the Alberta Board of Directors, I want to wish the Alberta membership a very safe and healthy holiday season. We look forward to continuing to work on your behalf in 2009 and will be looking for volunteers to fill Board vacant positions during our AGM early next year.

Patty Orr, FCIS
Chair, Alberta Branch
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