



Annual Report

**Chartered Professional
Accountants' Education
Foundation Of
British Columbia**

2024-25



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MESSAGE FROM CPAEF BOARD CHAIR



I have had the honour of being Chair of the CPA Education Foundation (CPAEF) for a second year. With the expansion of CPAEF's purposes this past year, CPAEF has been able to further strengthen its governance structure and expand its impact with new programs and new awards. It has been wonderful to see the Board work together to find ways to support the advancement of education for future CPAs in British Columbia. In alignment with its purposes, CPAEF continues to support diversity, inclusion and equity as a key underlying principle behind all its programs and decisions and seeks to enhance opportunities for professional development and research within the education system.

With the explosion of Artificial Intelligence and Generative AI tools, the profession is faced with unprecedented changes to the way business is conducted, the way accounting educators teach and assess learners, and the way students learn and communicate.

In the face of the technological changes, some things have remained the same when it comes to providing financial supports to the next generation of CPAs. CPAEF recognizes this is a time of great need as students try to balance the rising cost of living with the needs of family, work and their studies. CPAEF experienced a large number of applications for financial support, and in turn, the Board approved more than double the amount of funds disbursed. In addition to the everyday costs of being a student, the Board recognized that sometimes

extraordinary life events can present challenges to CPA candidates on their journey to the designation. As such, this year the Foundation established a new CPAEF Benevolent Fund, specifically for CPA candidates undergoing urgent and difficult circumstances. This commitment will continue into the next fiscal year as the Board strives to ensure accounting education and the journey to the CPA designation remains accessible to those in need.

Entering a new fiscal year, I am looking forward to CPAEF's next in-person Academics' and Educators' Symposium in May 2025 which will cover a variety of topics, including the new CPA Certification program.

As a member of the board, I do not work alone. I have had the opportunity to work with many other incredible educators and CPAs, as well as benefiting from the support of staff at CPABC. Thank you all for your valuable insight and participation to help make the CPAEF Board so successful.

DATED May 23, 2025



Martha Thomas, CPA, CA
BOARD CHAIR



MANAGEMENT DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Introduction

This Management Discussion and Analysis (**MD&A**) will present and discuss the operations, performance and financial health of the Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia ("**CPAEF**" or the "**Foundation**") for the period ended March 31, 2025, including the strategy and outlook for 2025/26. The MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Foundation's audited financial statements for the years ended March 31, 2025, and March 31, 2024.

Mission and governance

The mission of the Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia is to advance accounting education in BC. CPAEF intends to achieve this goal by enhancing the quality and quantity of students entering the profession, providing support for those who deliver accounting education including relevant and practical research, and stimulating the ongoing educational experience of members and students of CPABC.

CPAEF elects its Board of Governors (the "**Board**") from candidates recommended by the CPABC Board of Directors. The Board includes one lay member and members of CPABC who are interested in education and can help CPAEF work towards its vision in achieving the goals and strategies as set by the Board. A member of the CPABC Board sits on the CPAEF Board and serves as liaison between the two Boards.

Key performance indicators

As a charity, the Foundation relies on financial indicators to ensure that the resources entrusted to it are used efficiently and in an appropriate manner. These financial indicators, together with non-financial indicators, play a significant role in determining how performance is measured.



Deliverables

The CPAEF Board of Governors meets at least four times every year to review deliverables related to education funding through scholarships, bursaries, grants and new project initiatives to ensure ongoing alignment with the Foundation's stated purposes and derived goals for the fiscal year.

Financial performance

The Foundation sets financial targets for its various initiatives through its annual budgeting process. Performance is measured, in part, by the extent to which financial objectives have been met, and how effectively these financial resources have been managed. A key quantitative measurement is based on actual financial results for the year, compared to budget, the previous year's results and overall strategic objectives

SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

CPAEF offers awards comprised of scholarships and bursaries to students in several categories including: students attending BC post-secondary institutions (colleges or universities), as well as students taking preparatory courses and candidates enrolled in the CPA Professional Education Program (**PEP**) at the CPA Western School of Business. .

- » This year, CPAEF received seventy-seven applications from students and CPA candidates for awards overseen by the Foundation. Of these, the Foundation awarded **forty-five** students with bursaries ranging from **\$500 to \$3,000**. Additionally, the **two top performers** in preparatory courses were recognized with the David Reid Scholarships for **\$500** each..
- » The **CPAEF Benevolent Fund** was established to support Professional Education Program candidates facing financial hardship, offering up to **\$5,000 per individual**. In addition, a **Childcare Supplement** was introduced to assist CPA candidates who are parents of children under the age of 12, providing **\$500 per child**.
- » CPAEF also offered a **\$250 scholarship** to **high school students** in Grades 11 and 12 students enrolled in accounting classes. Teachers nominated 59 students from 52 schools across the province leading to **\$14,750 in total funding given to students**.



CPABC 2025 Aspiring Accountant Award Student
Certificates: Grade 12 students Lochlan Oulton and Aunjali Panju are both from Centennial Secondary in Coquitlam.
Photo by A. Baldwin

» CPAEF is proud to continue its Matching Awards Program whereby organizations can donate funds to be matched by CPAEF to offer new awards at local BC colleges and universities. Matched awards are currently available at the following post-secondary institutions across BC:

- › **Capilano University** – CPABC North Shore/Sunshine Coast Chapter Award
- › **Kwantlen Polytechnic University** – CPABC Surrey/Langley/North Delta Chapter Award;
- › **Okanagan College** – Crowe MacKay LLP Awards.
- › **Thompson Rivers University** – Grant Thornton LLP Awards, Tenisci Piva LLP Awards, Campbell and Schruers Awards
- › **University of the Fraser Valley, Trinity Western University and Kwantlen Polytechnic University** – Fraser Valley CPA Association Scholarships
- › **University of Northern British Columbia** – DMC Chartered Professional Accountants Inc. Awards

As part of CPAEF's Corporate Sponsored Awards Program, Telus continued to sponsor the "Telus Award for Indigenous Post-Secondary Success" and the "Telus Award for Black Post-Secondary Success". These awards were open to post-secondary students in their third or fourth year, as well as students and candidates enrolled at the CPA Western School of Business



UBC Ch'nook Scholars is a program for Indigenous Business students in BC to network and learn together. CPAEF is supporting 3 accounting students in the program. Photo by Martin Dee



LASTING LEGACIES

Over the years, several awards for educational funding were established in recognition, or in the name of, outstanding members and individuals:

- › John R. Bayer
- › Lam A. Milne
- › Brian Friedrich
- › Desmond O'Brien
- › John Hadfield
- › David B. Reid
- › William B. Hards
- › William Rowe
- › Tom Kennedy
- › David Sale
- › Peter Norwood
- › R. Glynn Spelliscy
- › Jim Miller
- › Peter Stanley

Their contributions, both current and past, are acknowledged through the generosity of donors with the establishment of awards. By recognizing their work and legacies, CPAEF can continue to share the impact of exceptional CPAs with the next generation. We would like to thank all donors for their incredible support as well as the families of those whose loved ones are honoured and members who continue to demonstrate excellence in the profession.



SUPPORT FOR EDUCATORS

CPAEF has various supports for educators including:

- » CPAEF supports the professional learning and development of CPABC members in academia with a **PD Passport for Academic Members**. This entitles the recipients to 20 passport credits (equivalent to up to two days) of professional development offered through CPABC and fully funded by CPAEF. A total of 146 (2024 - 153) CPABC members in academia participated in this program.
- » CPAEF has a **forgivable loan program** whereby a CPABC member, who is pursuing doctoral studies can apply for a loan up to \$10,000 per annum over a maximum of four years. The loan is forgiven once the recipient has successfully earned their doctorate and teaches accounting or accounting-related topics at a BC university upon completion of their doctorate. For each year of teaching, one annual loan installment is forgiven. This year, the Foundation accepted three new members into the doctoral support program, while two other members are currently enrolled in the doctoral support program, each at varying stages of their doctoral studies.
- » Since 2012, thirteen BC post-secondary institutions have received over \$116,000 in financial support through the **Speaker Series program** to assist them in bringing noteworthy speakers to their schools to enhance accounting faculty development. Each school is eligible for funding up to \$2,500 twice per year. Funding for five Speakers Series grants were approved this year for a total of \$12,415 (2024 - \$15,000). Events were held at Simon Fraser University (SFU), Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) and Douglas College in the fall 2024 with future events planned at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and SFU for spring 2025.



CPAEF has three legacy endowments at UBC. They are:

- » **CPA Teaching Excellence Award.** This award supports a prize recognizing teaching excellence among faculty members and is selected by the Dean's Office. Since inception in 1999, 22 faculty have been awarded this distinction. This year the recipient is **Dr. Yann Cornil**, BA, MSc, PhD, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Marketing and Behavioral Science Division at the UBC Sauder School of Business.
- » **The CPA Chair of Accounting** is currently held by **Dr. Sandra Chamberlain**, PhD, CPA, CMA, Associate Professor in the Accounting and Information Systems Division and CPAEF Governor. Dr. Chamberlain was named after this chair in 2017.
- » **The CPA Professorship in Accounting** is currently held by **Dr. Kin Lo**, PhD, FCPA, FCA. He is an active mentor to his students, assists on various dissertation committees, and acts as a research supervisor for doctoral candidates. Dr. Lo has taught at UBC since 1999 and is a senior associate dean of students and an associate professor in the business faculty.



ABILITY TO DELIVER DESIRED RESULTS

The ability to deliver results is dependent on three factors: capital and liquidity, net assets, and non-financial resources.

Capital and liquidity

As of March 31, 2025, the Foundation held cash, short-term and long-term investments totalling \$7,212,000 (2024 - \$7,031,000), which are presented at fair market value. The CPAEF investment portfolio consists of mutual funds, which earns income in interest, dividends and capital gains. Also included in the portfolio are preferred shares valued at \$151,000 (2024 - \$136,000) on which it earns dividend income.

CPAEF also holds \$345,000 in contributed principal with the Vancouver Foundation. The market value of the externally managed fund at year-end was \$597,747 (2024 - \$558,572). In accordance with the provisions of the Vancouver Foundation Act, these amounts are held permanently by the Vancouver Foundation and are not reported in CPAEF's financial statements. However, CPAEF has the right to receive the investment income from the fund, which amounted to \$28,191 in the current year (2024 - \$26,604).

Net assets

At March 31, 2025, net assets totalled \$7,357,000 (2024 - \$7,181,000), comprising of the following:

- » \$271,000 (2024 - \$278,000) in scholarship and endowment funds which are externally restricted by the donees;
- » \$4,831,000 (2024 - \$4,797,000) in net assets internally restricted by the Board related to donations from members and bequests; and
- » \$2,255,000 (2024 - \$2,106,000) in unrestricted net assets.



Non-financial resources

The Foundation relies on experienced volunteers and CPABC staff to carry out its mandate in support of its activities. These volunteers and staff ensure that collective goals are achieved.

Human resources

The Foundation relies on the services of volunteers and CPABC staff to complete projects. The talent and expertise of volunteers are among its most valuable resources. At the same time, there is always a risk that volunteers may not be as willing or able to donate their time or talents in the future due to ever-increasing competition for their attention.

To mitigate this risk, CPAEF will continue to nurture ongoing volunteerism by ensuring positive and rewarding experiences for volunteers, and by structuring volunteer opportunities in a flexible manner.

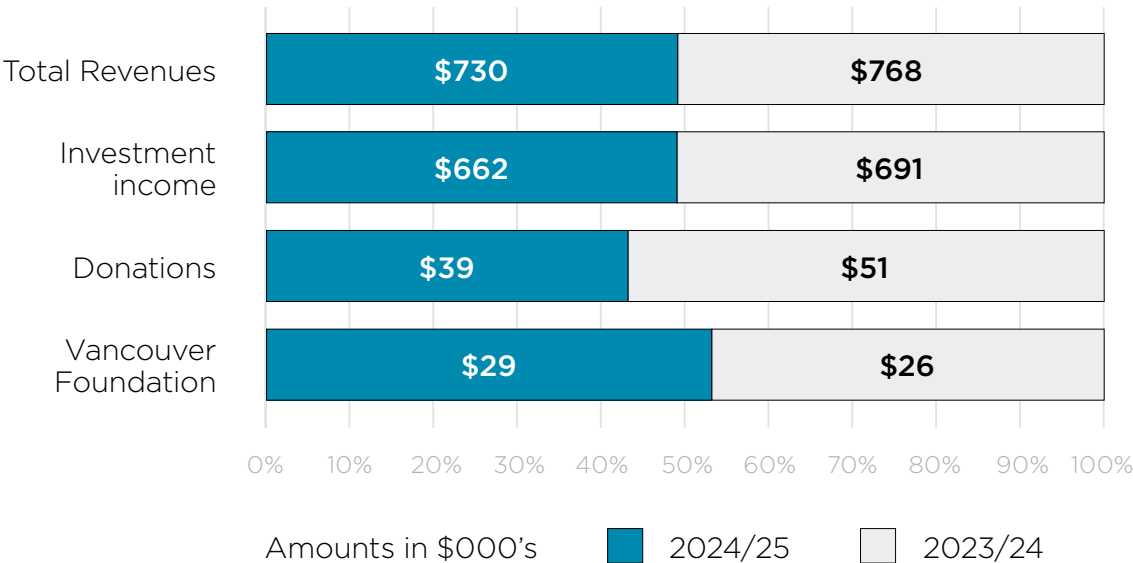
2024/25 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Revenues

The Foundation’s primary sources of funding for its programs and services are long-term investments and donations from members.

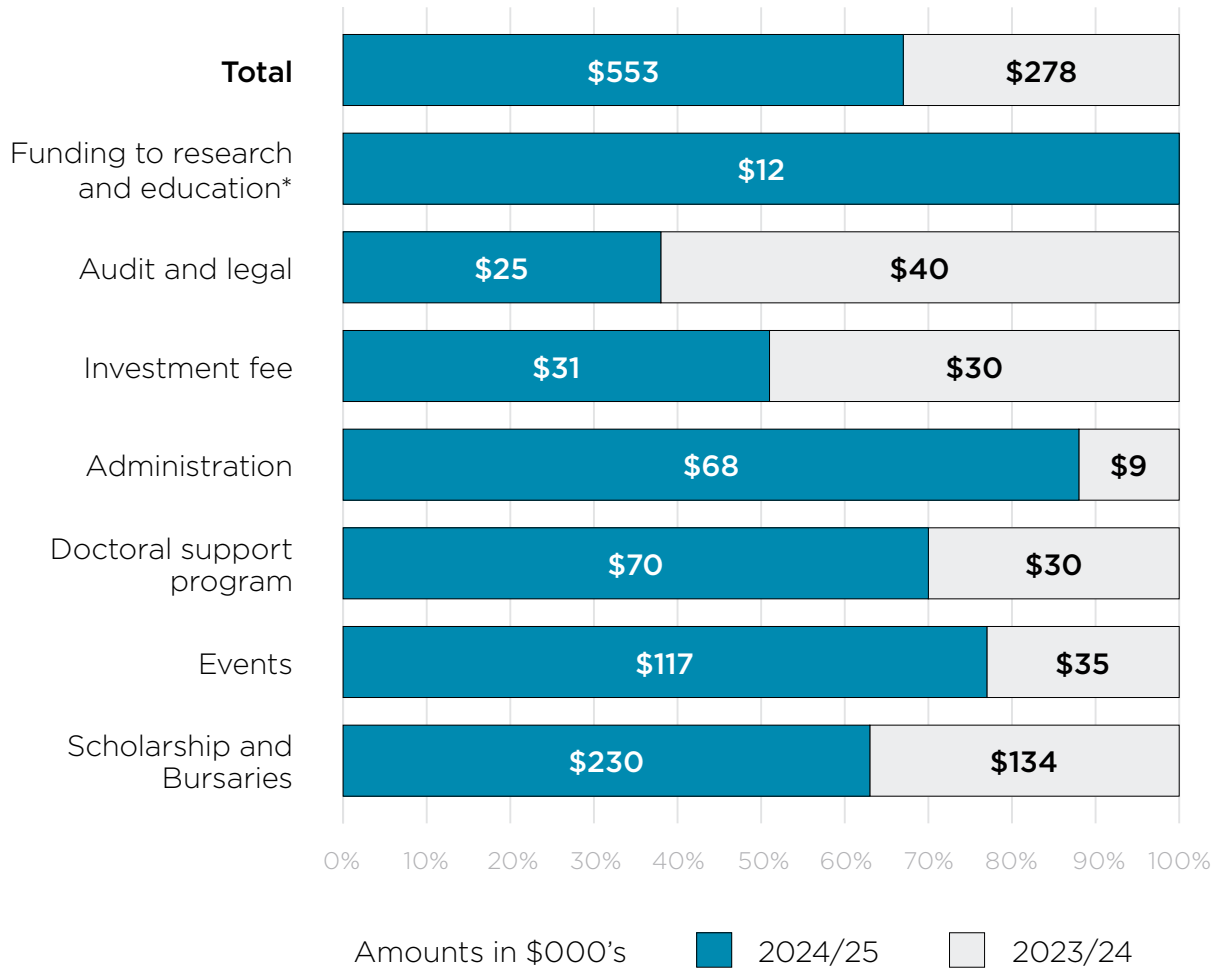
The primary objective of the investments is the preservation of capital, with a secondary objective of earning a return on investments while providing sufficient liquidity to meet annual cash flow requirements. The goal is to achieve an annual return that exceeds a benchmark based on the asset allocation weighting.

In fiscal year 2024/25, CPAEF’s investment portfolio generated a total income of \$662,000 (2024 - \$691,000). The financial markets performed well for most of the year. However, in February and March 2025, global markets experienced heightened volatility due to escalating geopolitical tension driven by U.S. tariff threats and economic uncertainties around growth and inflation. As a result, the global markets dipped sharply. Total investment income includes interest and dividends of \$228,000 as well as unrealized gains of \$52,000. Realized market gains amounted to \$246,000 and reinvested investment income was \$136,000.



Expenditures, programs, and services

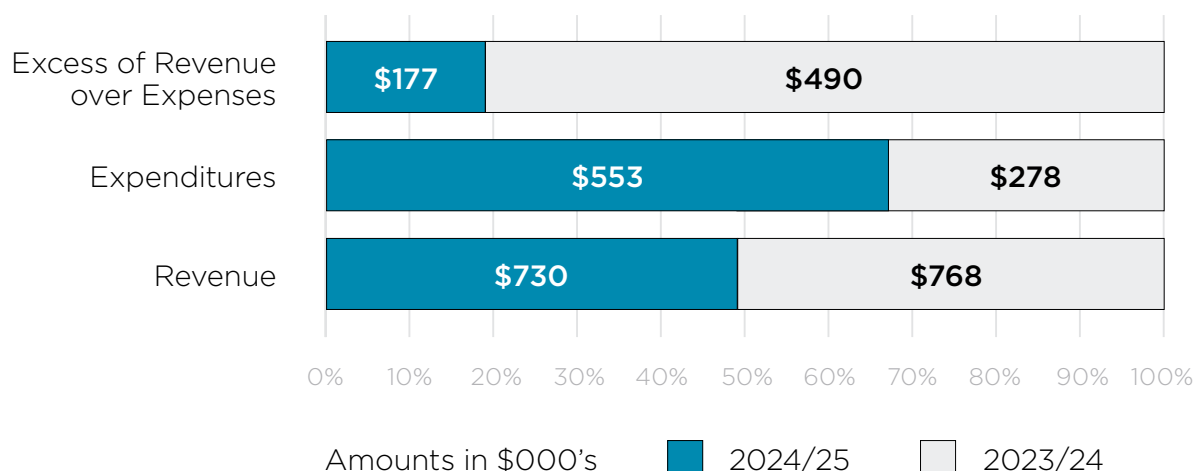
In 2024/25, the Foundation's financial resources were invested in the following programs and services, as set out in the comparative annual financial statements.



*There was no spending in 2023/24.

Excess of revenue over expenses

In 2024/25, the Foundation incurred an excess of revenues over expenses of approximately \$176,000 (2024 - \$490,000). With year-over-year investment income holding relatively stable, CPAEF embarked on an ambitious promotional campaign to increase awareness amongst CPABC students of the many types of funding available to potential applicants, including several newly created funding categories: Master's Degree, Benevolence, and High School. The campaign resulted in an increase of over \$90,000 in scholarships and bursaries payments.



Funding and financial

The Foundation depends on investment income and donations from members to fund its programs. For most of 2024/25, the value of the investments held by CPAEF continued to climb steadily based on strong consistent market growth. However, the final three months of the fiscal year saw dramatic market uncertainty in international trade primarily caused of the application of or threat of tariffs imposed by the U.S. federal government. Due to extreme market uncertainty, this resulted in the value of investments held to decline sharply in March 2025. As of March 31, 2025, market uncertainty continues and is expected to impact CPAEF-held investments for the foreseeable future.

The portfolio is managed in compliance with the Board-approved investment policy that provides guidance for the investment manager as to the type and mix of investments. Risk and volatility of investment returns are mitigated through diversification.



RISKS

The environment in which the Foundation operates creates risks and uncertainties that could affect the successful implementation of its plans.

OUTLOOK FOR 2025/26

CPAEF will continue to focus on its mission of advancing accounting education in BC. Over the next year, CPAEF plans to:

- » Expand awards available to post-secondary students who demonstrate academic achievement, volunteerism and/or demonstrate financial need, including newcomers to Canada and Indigenous learners, ensuring award criteria are aligned with current trends in student and recipient needs in accordance with its purposes.
- » Support the development of in-class resources for high school students in Grade 11 and 12 in BC,
- » Continue to work with the post-secondary institutions to support research opportunities that enhance the development of accounting education.
- » Support a commitment to Truth and Reconciliation by funding the development of a new member-focused webinar featuring the diverse Indigenous populations in BC.
- » Host an in-person Academic Symposium in May 2025, bringing together academic members from across the province for networking and professional development opportunities.
- » Increase the amount of the Childcare Supplement given to eligible PEP Candidates in financial need with children under 12.

CPAEF BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Janet Antonio, Relationship and Fund Development Director for the UFV Ripple Makers (second from left), presents the society's Loyalty Paddle to (l to r): Simone Leonard, CPABC's EVP of Learning and Engagement; Megan Yarema, CPABC's Associate Director of Charitable Initiatives; and CPABC President & CEO Lori Mathison, who is also the Executive Director of the CPAEF.

CONSTITUTION

 CERTIFIED COPY Of a document filed with the Province of British Columbia Registrar of Companies.  T.K. SPARKS	CONSTITUTION BC Society • Societies Act
	NAME OF SOCIETY: CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA Incorporation Number: S0026414 Business Number: 12193 2396 BC0001 Filed Date and Time: June 27, 2024 11:17 AM Pacific Time The name of the Society is CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA The purposes of the Society are: CONSTITUTION The name of the Society is THE CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS' EDUCATION FOUNDATION OF BRITISH COLUMBIA. The purposes of the Society are: (a) To assemble funds to assist and improve education and research in professional accounting and related disciplines in British Columbia; (b) To assess ways of spending these funds so as to meet the above objectives; (c) To disburse these funds and provide accountability reports to donors; (d) To provide publicly available scholarships, bursaries and other awards based on academic achievement or financial need to persons attending or seeking to attend post-secondary institutions or training programs in professional accounting; (e) To liaise with universities, other groups and organizations involved with education and research in professional accounting and related disciplines; (f) To advance education by developing and providing to the public (i) educational events and programs, and (ii) educational materials, in each case connected to professional accounting and related disciplines, with a particular focus on elementary and secondary school educators and learners, post-secondary educators and learners, new immigrants, and members of the public who belong to historically disadvantaged groups; (g) To promote and maintain high standards of practice in the accounting profession and related disciplines for the benefit of the public by (i) developing materials that further excellence in the accounting profession; (ii) providing such materials to elementary, secondary, and post-
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	CONSTITUTION BC Society • Societies Act secondary educators and learners, new immigrants, and members of the public who belong to disadvantaged groups; and (iii) developing and implementing initiatives that ensure high standards in the accounting profession are maintained. (h) To receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada); and (i) To do all such other things as, in the opinion of the directors of the society, are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the society. DATED at Vancouver, British Columbia, as of June 19, 2024 
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management responsibility for financial reporting

The accompanying financial statements and all other information contained in this annual report are the responsibility of the management of the **Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC)**. The financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and have been approved by the Board of Governors (the “Board”) of the **Chartered Professional Accountants’ Education Foundation of British Columbia (CPAEF)**.

Preparation of financial information is an integral part of CPABC’s broader responsibilities for the ongoing operations of CPAEF. CPABC’s management maintains a system of internal accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are accurately recorded on a timely basis and are properly approved, resulting in the presentation of reliable financial information. Such information also includes amounts based on management’s best estimate and judgment.

The Board carries out its responsibilities through CPABC’s Audit Committee (the “Committee”). The Committee reviews the annual financial statements and recommends them to the Board for approval. In addition, the Committee and the Treasurer of the Board (the “Treasurer”) meet periodically with management and the external auditor. The Treasurer reports any issues to the Board. The Committee also reviews the annual report in its entirety.

The accompanying financial statements have been audited by BDO Canada LLP, who is engaged by the Board, on the recommendation of the Committee. The external auditor was approved and appointed by members at the annual general meeting. The external auditor has access to the Committee, without management present, to discuss the results of the audit.

DATED May 23, 2025



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Governors of the Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia ("CPA Education Foundation"), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as of March 31, 2025, and the Statements of Operations, Changes in Net Assets, and Cash Flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CPA Education Foundation as at March 31, 2025 and its results of operations, changes in net assets, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the CPA Education Foundation in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the CPA Education Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the CPA Education Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the CPA Education Foundation's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

BDO Canada LLP, a Canadian limited liability partnership, is a member of BDO International Limited, a UK company limited by guarantee, and forms part of the international BDO network of independent member firms.



As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the CPA Education Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the CPA Education Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

BDO Canada LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants

Vancouver, British Columbia
May 23, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia

Statement of Financial Position

As at March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	\$ 9,855	\$ 76,580
Accounts receivable	9,661	6,989
Accounts receivable from related party (Note 8)	13,545	18,581
Doctoral support receivable (Note 5)	-	10,720
Short term investments (Note 2)	409,000	262,000
Prepaid expenses	13,438	-
	455,499	374,870
Investments (Note 3)	6,793,184	6,692,230
Donated shares (Note 9)	150,708	135,522
	\$ 7,399,391	\$ 7,202,622
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 24,167	\$ 21,120
Accounts payable to related party (Note 8)	18,176	500
	42,343	21,620
NET ASSETS		
Externally restricted (Note 6)		
Endowment	85,516	85,516
Scholarships and bursaries	185,467	192,206
Internally restricted (Note 6)	4,830,657	4,797,490
Unrestricted	2,255,408	2,105,790
	7,357,048	7,181,002
	\$ 7,399,391	\$ 7,202,622

Approved on behalf of the Board of Governors:



Martha Thomas, CPA, CA
Chair of the Board



Nathan Wong, CPA, CGA
Treasurer

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Chartered Professional Accountants' Education Foundation of British Columbia

Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets For the year ended March 31, 2025

	Externally Restricted				Internally Restricted		Unrestricted		Total	
	Endowment		Scholarships and Bursaries		2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
	2025	2024	2025	2024						
REVENUES										
Investment Income:										
Vancouver Foundation (Note 7)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,191	\$ 26,604	\$ 28,191	\$ 26,604
Investment income (Note 4)	15,436	10,913	3,011	3,825	-	-	643,975	675,930	662,422	690,668
Donations	-	-	5,750	21,071	33,167	29,991	-	-	38,917	51,062
Total Revenues	\$ 15,436	\$ 10,913	\$ 8,761	\$ 24,896	\$ 33,167	\$ 29,991	\$ 672,166	\$ 702,534	\$ 729,530	\$ 768,334
EXPENSES										
Educational Funding:										
Doctoral support program (Note 5)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 70,000	\$ 30,000
Scholarships and bursaries	-	-	15,500	8,242	-	-	214,642	125,658	230,142	133,900
Funding to research universities	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,075	-	12,075	-
Events	-	-	-	-	-	-	117,268	35,048	117,268	35,048
Total Educational Funding Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500	\$ 8,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 413,985	\$ 190,706	\$ 429,485	\$ 198,948
Audit and legal	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,116	40,399	25,116	40,399
Investment fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,950	29,831	30,950	29,831
Administration	-	-	-	-	-	-	67,933	8,718	67,933	8,718
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,500	\$ 8,242	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 537,984	\$ 269,654	\$ 553,484	\$ 277,896
Excess (deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	\$ 15,436	\$ 10,913	\$ (6,739)	\$ 16,654	\$ 33,167	\$ 29,991	\$ 134,182	\$ 432,880	\$ 176,046	\$ 490,438
Net Asset, beginning of year	85,516	85,516	192,206	175,659	4,797,490	4,767,499	2,105,790	1,661,890	7,181,002	6,690,564
Interfund transfer	(15,436)	(10,913)	-	(107)	-	-	15,436	11,020	-	-
Net Asset, end of year	\$ 85,516	\$ 85,516	\$ 185,467	\$ 192,206	\$ 4,830,657	\$ 4,797,490	\$ 2,255,408	\$ 2,105,790	\$ 7,357,048	\$ 7,181,002

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows

For the year ended March 31, 2025

	2025	2024
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 176,046	\$ 490,438
Changes in non-cash items:		
Reinvested distribution from pooled funds	(136,012)	(101,619)
Reinvested distribution from donated shares (Note 9)	(15,186)	(10,618)
Realized gain on sale of investments	(246,659)	(22,086)
Unrealized gain on investments	(52,048)	(343,596)
Write-off Doctoral support loan receivable (Note 5)	10,720	-
	\$ (263,139)	\$ 12,519
Change in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable	(2,672)	100
Accounts receivable from related party (Note 8)	5,036	(5,735)
Doctoral support receivable	-	(720)
Prepaid expenses	(13,438)	946
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,047	(1,463)
Accounts payable to related party (Note 8)	17,676	500
	\$ (253,490)	\$ 6,147
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of investments	\$ (1,664,285)	\$ (541,130)
Proceeds on sale of investments	1,851,050	329,100
	\$ 186,765	\$ (212,030)
Net change in cash	\$ (66,725)	\$ (205,883)
Cash, beginning of year	76,580	282,463
Cash, end of year	\$ 9,855	\$ 76,580

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Purpose and Nature of Organization

CPAEF is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act. On June 19, 2024 the mandate of CPAEF was amended.

CPAEF has the following objects as outlined in its Constitution under the BC Societies Act:

- a) To assemble funds to assist and improve education and research in professional accounting and related disciplines in British Columbia;
- b) To assess ways of spending these funds so as to meet the above objectives;
- c) To disburse these funds and provide accountability reports to donors;
- d) To provide publicly available scholarships, bursaries and other awards based on academic achievement or financial need to persons attending or seeking to attend post-secondary institutions or training programs in professional accounting;
- e) To liaise with universities, other groups and organizations involved with education and research in professional accounting and related disciplines;
- f) To advance education by developing and providing to the public (i) educational events and programs, and (ii) educational materials, in each case connected to professional accounting and related disciplines, with a particular focus on elementary and secondary school educators and learners, post-secondary educators and learners, new immigrants, and members of the public who belong to historically disadvantaged groups;
- g) To promote and maintain high standards of practice in the accounting profession and related disciplines for the benefit of the public by (i) developing materials that further excellence in the accounting profession; (ii) providing such materials to elementary, secondary, and post-secondary educators and learners, new immigrants, and members of the public who belong to disadvantaged groups; and (iii) developing and implementing initiatives that ensure high standards in the accounting profession are maintained;
- h) To receive and maintain a fund or funds and to apply all or part of the principal and income therefrom, from time to time, to qualified donees as defined in subsection 149.1(1) of the Income Tax Act (Canada); and
- i) To do all such other things as, in the opinion of the directors of the society, are incidental and ancillary to the attainment of the purposes and the exercise of the powers of the society.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) *Basis of Accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. All revenues and expenses are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting, except donations over which CPAEF has no control. Donations are recorded when received.

b) *Recognition of Contributions*

CPAEF follows the restricted fund method, whereby contributions externally restricted by donors such as scholarships and endowments are recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund when received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the unrestricted fund in the year received or receivable if the amount can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

c) *Accounting for Doctoral Support Program*

CPAEF has a program of financial support in the form of forgivable loans for CPAs pursuing doctoral studies to prepare them for a career in teaching and research in accounting, assurance or taxation. These loans are forgivable if the candidate earns the doctoral degree and teaches at a BC educational institution for a defined period. Each loan installment is recorded as an expense at the date the candidate is eligible to receive it, and any recoveries due to conditions not being met are recorded as revenue and receivable at such time as this becomes determinable and collection is reasonably assured.

d) *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingencies at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The areas requiring management estimates are valuation of the donated shares and the collection of doctoral support receivables.

e) *Donated Services*

CPAEF benefits from donated services in the form of volunteer time and the provision of management, accounting and administrative services from CPABC. Since the donated services are not normally purchased by CPAEF and because of the difficulty of determining their fair value, donated services are not recognized in these financial statements.

f) *Donated Shares*

Donated shares are initially recorded at estimated fair value at the time of donation and subsequently carried at cost. At the end of each reporting period, CPAEF assesses whether there are any indications that the donated shares may be impaired. Where there is indication of impairment, the carrying value is written down accordingly.

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1. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

g) Investments

Short term investments consist of money market funds and also fixed income funds that will be redeemed within the next year. Investments consist of pooled fixed income and equity funds, and are initially recognized and subsequently measured at fair value, determined using market information. Transaction costs and net gains and losses arising from changes in fair value are immediately recognized in operations.

All other financial instruments are carried at amortized cost, except for cash which is carried at fair value.

2. SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
Pooled fixed income funds	\$ 297,981	\$ 171,423
Money market funds	111,019	90,577
Total short-term investments	\$ 409,000	\$ 262,000

Fixed income funds include high-grade corporate and government bonds.

3. INVESTMENTS

	2025	2024
Pooled fixed income funds	\$ 2,547,830	\$ 2,553,280
Pooled equity funds	4,245,354	4,138,950
Total investments	\$ 6,793,184	\$ 6,692,230

Pooled fixed income funds include high grade corporate and government bonds and pooled equity funds are invested in Canadian and international securities. The Canadian and International portion of the portfolio was 62% and 38%, respectively as at March 31, 2025 (2024 – 60% and 40%).

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
Interest and dividend income	\$ 227,703	\$ 223,367
Reinvested distributions from pooled funds	136,012	101,619
Realized gain on sale of investments	246,659	22,086
Unrealized gain on fair value of investments	52,048	343,596
	\$ 662,422	\$ 690,668

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5. DOCTORAL SUPPORT PROGRAM

The doctoral support program funds CPA members pursuing a doctorate through a program of forgivable loans. Under the terms of the doctoral support program agreements, the loans are forgiven if the candidates meet the following requirements: must be enrolled in an approved doctoral program at the time of the funding, complete all requirements for the doctoral degree within five years of commencing the doctoral program and teach accounting at a British Columbia university immediately upon completion of the doctorate (one year of teaching for each year of support forgiven). There are three BC members who are currently being funded in the doctoral support program and the annual support payments totaled \$60,000 (2024 – \$30,000).

In 2021, one of the recipients did not meet the requirement for forgiveness which triggered the repayment provision of the \$40,000 loan commencing March 1, 2021. In compliance with the agreement, the amount repaid to date was \$30,000 and interest charged on the remaining outstanding amount is based on the Scotiabank prime rate as at December 31 of each year. The loan was originally due by March 31, 2024. However, an extension for the final loan repayment to March 31, 2025, was requested and approved by the Board. During the fiscal year, the recipient accepted a teaching position at a BC university, thereby fulfilling the requirement for loan forgiveness. As a result, the Board reassessed the circumstances and approved the loan forgiveness of \$10,000.

6. EXTERNALLY AND INTERNALLY RESTRICTED FUNDS

Externally restricted funds have been specifically designated by donors for endowments, scholarships and bursaries.

Effective April 1, 2017, the Board of Governors internally restricted general donations indefinitely.

7. VANCOUVER FOUNDATION

An endowment fund with a fair value of \$597,747 (2024 – \$558,572) is held by the Vancouver Foundation. As the endowment fund is held in perpetuity for the benefit of CPAEF and the capital is held permanently by Vancouver Foundation, the fair market value of the fund is not included in the financial statements of CPAEF.

8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

a) Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia (CPABC)

CPAEF elects its Board of Governors from candidates recommended by CPABC's Board of Directors. CPAEF receives management, accounting and administrative services from CPABC without charge and is only billed for costs incurred on its behalf. These transactions are in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount, the amount of consideration established and agreed to by related parties.

At year end, CPAEF owes a net amount of \$4,631 (2024 – CPABC owed net amount of \$18,081 to CPAEF), including donations collected from members on behalf of CPAEF.

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8. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (continued)

During the fiscal year, CPAEF entered into a separate service agreement with CPABC. Under the terms of the agreement, CPABC provides specific services to CPAEF to advance accounting education within the province of British Columbia. CPABC performs its obligations at arm's length and services rendered at fair market value.

The total value of services rendered under this agreement during the year was \$124,463 (2024 – nil)

b) The CPA Western School of Business (CPAWSB)

CPAWSB delivers CPA education on behalf of provincial and territorial CPA bodies in Western and Northern Canada, including CPABC. The Board of Directors of CPAWSB is comprised of the CEOs from the four western CPA provinces and CPABC has 25% representation on the board of directors which meets the definition of significant influence over CPAWSB. As such, CPAEF and CPAWSB are deemed to be related parties as both entities are subject to common control and significant influence, respectively.

9. DONATED SHARES

In its fiscal years ending March 31, 2016 and 2017, CPAEF received the donations of \$80,000 in total preferred shares of Terrapin Mortgage Investment Corp. (TMIC). These preferred shares have been classified as an externally restricted endowment. TMIC is a fully integrated real estate mortgage lender and investment company based in Vancouver. TMIC's principal business activity is mortgage lending in BC and Alberta, primarily in first and second mortgages secured by residential and commercial real estate.

These preferred shares of TMIC are not liquid and the market value upon acquisition becomes the cost in subsequent years. These shares are redeemable only at the discretion of TMIC. In addition, dividends are payable at the discretion of the corporation.

During the fiscal year, TMIC has issued dividends to CPAEF in the amount of \$15,186 (2024 – \$10,618) which were reinvested. Since being received as donated shares, the cumulative total value of the reinvested dividends amounts to \$70,708 (2024 – \$55,522). The adjusted market value of the donated shares is \$150,708 (2024 – \$135,522). Dividends received from the Terrapin Mortgage Investment Corp. are not subject to external restrictions and may be used for any purpose.

10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

CPAEF's financial instruments consist of cash, accounts receivable, investments, donated shares, and accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Interest Rate Risk

CPAEF mitigates risk and volatility of the fair value of its fixed income investments caused by market interest rate fluctuations by investing in instruments with varying terms and maturity dates.

Currency Risk

CPAEF mitigates the currency risk exposure of its foreign bonds and equities by limiting its currency exposure and investing mostly in Canada securities. The Canadian portion of the portfolio was 62% as at March 31, 2024 (2024 – 60%).

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10. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (continued)

Credit and Other Price Risk

CPAEF has an investment policy that restricts the types and amounts of its eligible investments and requires dealing with highly rated counterparties. Risk and volatility of investment returns are mitigated through the diversification of investments within the pooled funds.

The donated Terrapin Mortgage Investment Corp. preferred shares are not liquid and their value may fluctuate.

11. REMUNERATIONS OF EMPLOYEES, CONTRACTORS AND DIRECTORS

In accordance with the disclosure requirements of the BC Societies Act, CPAEF reports that \$124,463 (2024 — nil) was paid to CPABC, which was engaged as a contractor under a service agreement to provide specific services in support of accounting education in British Columbia. This payment is separate from the ongoing administrative support that CPABC provides to CPAEF without charge, as described in Note 8(a).



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