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Congratulations!



As the CPABC's Board chair for 2015/2016, it gives me great pleasure to congratulate the 23 individuals whose outstanding professional and community achievements are profiled in this third installment of CPABC's *Member Recognition Supplement*.

This third issue features the first honourees of CPABC's member recognition program: 11 FCPAs, two Community Service Award winners, six Early Achievement Award winners, and four Service to the Profession Award winners. As we continue to create a new profession, we also recognize the importance of bringing forward those traditions that our members valued, such as honoring excellence.

Once again, my congratulations to each of the honourees profiled on the following pages. You have brought tremendous distinction to the accounting profession.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Olin Anton'.

Olin Anton, FCPA, FCA, CPABC Board Chair

CPABC FELLOWSHIP

The title of fellow formally recognizes CPAs who have rendered exceptional services to the profession and/or whose achievements in their careers or in the community have earned them distinction and brought honour to the profession.





Carol Bellringer, FCPA, FCA

Carol is British Columbia's auditor general, a role she has held since September 2014. Before taking on this role, she was auditor general for Manitoba for a total of 12 years (1992-1996 and 2006-2014), and throughout her terms she added value to the management systems and practices of government.

Prior to becoming Manitoba's auditor general, Carol served as the auditor for the City of Winnipeg, in management positions with KPMG in Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg; between terms, she worked as a senior adviser to the finance department of Media One International in Warsaw, Poland and as

the director of private funding at the University of Manitoba.

Carol received her CA designation in Ontario in 1982 and joined the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba in 1986. She served on the Institute's council for several years and was named a fellow in 2006.

Carol makes ongoing contributions to the CPA profession in Canada and internationally. She is a board member of Canada's Auditing and Assurance Standards Oversight Council, and one of the two Canadian board members on the International Federation of Accountants, on which she has served since 2012. In addition, she serves on IFAC's Public Policy and Regulatory Advisory Group.

Carol has also dedicated countless hours to community service. She was a major gift campaign cabinet member for the United Way of Winnipeg, and served on a number of boards and audit committees for organizations such as Manitoba Hydro and Cancer Care Manitoba. As a board member and chair for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, she helped put the organization back on a fiscally sustainable track. Carol received the Symphony's Golden Baton Award for her service to the organization.



Lorne Calder, FCPA, FCMA

Lorne is the chief finance and risk officer for Integris Credit Union. He earned his CMA designation in 1992, and that same year, joined Prince George Savings. He served as the credit union's CFO until taking on his newly structured position with Integris in 2014. Prior to his work in the banking sector, Lorne was a director of examinations for the BC Financial Institutions Commission.

Over the past 20 years, Lorne's achievements at Prince George Savings, now Integris, have been considerable. He is responsible for the credit union's risk framework and governance guidelines reporting, and has developed several enterprise risk-management papers to

increase reporting standards, board knowledge, credit union best practices, and overall board governance, including the development of ERM policies, rule changes, and committee terms of reference.

Lorne has also extended his leadership to the Prince George Chamber of Commerce for more than a decade, holding various positions, including president. During his presidency in 1999-2000, the Chamber enjoyed its strongest membership growth. He has also served as a director with the BC Chamber of Commerce.

Active in the community as well, Lorne has been involved with the Prince George Rotary Club since 1993. In addition to serving as its president in 2007-2008, he was the Club's assistant governor from 2010 to 2013, responsible for five clubs in the region. He continues being active with Rotary as a district trainer, assisting in the delivery of courses and presenting Rotary ethics for the Rotary Youth Leadership Program. He was named Rotarian of the Year in 1997 and 2011, and is a recipient of the District Governor Award.

Lorne has served on boards and committees for numerous other Prince George organizations as well, including Initiatives Prince George, the Prince George Film Commission, and the Prince George Hospice Society, to name just a few. In 2011, he was nominated for the Prince George Community Foundation's Citizen of the Year Award.



Gordon Cummings, FCPA, FCA, CPA (Illinois)

Gordon is a principal and incorporated partner with D&H Group LLP in Vancouver, where he is the lead partner in the firm's regulatory group and the partner in charge of standards.

Gordon joined the firm as a CA student in 1995, and earned his CA designation in 1998. In 2000, he became a senior manager, as well as the firm's primary resource person on assurance and accounting standards. He led his firm's efforts to transition to new accounting frameworks (IFRS and ASPE) in 2010, and also led the firm in adopting new Canadian auditing standards that same year.

Renowned for his expertise in audit and assurance, Gordon has devoted over 1,000 hours of volunteer leadership to the CPA profession in this area, including during his seven years as a member of the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (AASB). On the AASB board, he represented small- and medium-sized firms during a time of immense change in auditing and assurance standards, including the adoption of 36 international standards on auditing as Canadian auditing standards. In 2009, Gordon became chair of the AASB's review engagement task force, which assisted the AASB in developing CSRE 2400, the new Canadian standard for review engagements.

Additionally, Gordon co-authored the *Mid-Sized Firms Protocol* and *Practical Guide* in 2003, which subsequently formed the basis for the *Quality Assurance Manual* published by CPA Canada, and which is used by small and medium-sized firms across Canada today.

Gordon is also an experienced educator for the profession. He was a regular presenter of professional development courses for the ICABC for over a decade, and was also a sessional lecturer in SFU's faculty of business administration. He continues to be a regular speaker at conferences and seminars.

Other contributions include membership on CPA Canada's professional engagement manual advisory committee and service on numerous other ICABC and CPABC committees and forums.



Gayle Gorrill, FCPA, FCA

Gayle is vice-president of finance and operations for the University of Victoria. In this diverse role, she oversees budgeting, financial reporting, endowment and pension management, human resources, capital planning, facilities management, information technology, and campus security. She is also a champion of the university's sustainability initiatives.

Gayle obtained her CA designation in 1985. She has also earned designations as a chartered business valuator and as a certified fraud examiner.

Gayle began her accounting career in 1982, working for Ernst & Young (and its predecessor Clarkson Gordon) as a

student. She worked for the firm in both Saskatchewan and Alberta. Prior to joining UVic in 2006, Gayle held executive finance positions with the Calgary Health Region and was associate vice-president of administration for the University of Calgary.

Regarded as a national leader in university administration, Gayle is sought after for her extensive expertise in this area. She serves on the board of the Canadian Association of University Business Officers, and will become the association's president in June for 2016-2017. Previously, she served as an executive committee member and chair of the joint procurement committee as part of the BC Ministry of Advanced Education's Administrative Service Delivery Transformation Initiative.

Gayle's contributions to the CPA profession included serving as an expert witness for Alberta's Court of Queen's Bench on matters of accounting, business valuation, and general business, and delivering numerous training seminars to industry groups, lawyers, and insurance companies.

Gayle believes in providing mentorship to the next generation of business and community leaders. Accordingly, she has been a speaker for the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation's Run for the Cure for several years, and is a frequent speaker and mentor for women's events and organizations, including the UVic Women's Conference, Connect U (UVic's all-staff conference), and the Minerva Foundation for Women. She also serves on the boards and committees of several other non-profit organizations.



Kay Gray, FCPA, FCGA

Kay has been a partner with Grant Thornton since 2005, and has served in various leadership roles, including stints leading the tax services team for southern BC and chairing the firm’s national succession and estate-planning team, as well as a term on the national partnership board.

Kay obtained her CGA designation in 1996. Prior to joining Grant Thornton, she worked at Ellis Foster and BDO Dunwoody LLP.

Active in the profession, Kay has presented at the Canadian Tax Foundation’s national and BC tax conferences, and has authored several publications. She continues to make

presentations for Pacific Business & Law Institute, the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, and various other trade and industry associations.

Having been admitted as a member of the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners in 2009, Kay holds the TEP designation. She was granted the ICD.D designation by the Institute of Corporate Directors in 2014, and is particularly interested in assisting private businesses in leadership transition.

Her achievements also include co-founding the Grant Thornton Foundation in 2011, and chairing the board for several years. As chair, she helped promote philanthropy and community-based volunteerism across the firm with the mission: “Grant Thornton people—making a difference every day.” To date, the Grant Thornton Foundation has funded several organizations chosen by Grant Thornton People.

Kay is also dedicated to the growth and well-being of girls in her community. She volunteers for Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland, and served on its board for eight years, including two years as chair. During her time on the board, she coordinated the development of a multi-year strategic plan, improved governance standards, and assisted in fundraising and securing major donors. Today, she continues to contribute as a member of its honorary advisory board. Kay received the organization’s Big Heart Award in 2012 for her exceptional service.



Paul Hamilton, FCPA, FCA

Paul is a vice-president, senior investment adviser, and portfolio manager with BMO Nesbitt Burns.

Paul obtained his CA designation in 1988. He received his portfolio manager designation in 2006, and his chartered investment manager designation in 1993, he is a fellow of the Canadian Securities Institute, and a certified international wealth manager.

Paul joined BMO Nesbitt Burns in 1989 as an investment adviser. He became a branch manager in 2000, and has since built a business of assets under management that ranks among the top five at BMO in Canada. Paul is recognized as a leader in his field, and is a trusted

adviser to a number of BC's wealthiest families on both wealth management and philanthropy. In addition, Paul was BMO's business development manager for BC from 2004 to 2006, and was instrumental in opening a new branch for the organization in West Vancouver.

Paul has generously shared his professional expertise to support health care in his community. He has served on the board of the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation since 2004, and has served on numerous committees. In the last 10 years this foundation has raised over \$100 million dollars for health care needs. While serving as chair of the Foundation's investment committee, Paul created strong governance policies that helped guide the Foundation through some of the most turbulent capital markets in history. For the past two years, he has served as board chair for the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation, which recently received a \$25-million donation—one of the largest single donations to health care in BC's history.

Paul also pursues a passion for amateur and professional sports. He was part of the team that worked to privatize the ownership of the Vancouver Canucks, acquire an NBA franchise (the Vancouver Grizzlies), and build GM Place (now Rogers Arena). Closer to home, Paul is a founding member of the North Shore Adult Hockey Association.



Lori Mathison, FCPA, FCGA, LLB

Lori is the managing partner of the Vancouver office of Dentons Canada LLP (formerly Fraser Milner Casgrain). She is a member of the firm's national management committee, and has been a partner in the firm's tax law group since 2006. Lori joined Fraser Milner Casgrain in 1997 and obtained her CGA designation in 2000.

Lori's contributions to the accounting profession are extensive and varied. She is well known for her expertise in tax planning, especially with regard to cross-border structuring and planning for shareholders and their corporations. She has written and presented on a number of topics in the area of taxation

for the Canadian Tax Foundation, the Continuing Legal Education Society of BC, CPA Canada (formerly the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and CGA-Canada), and the University of British Columbia. Lori has also presented at notable tax conferences and was an assistant editor of *Canadian Resource Taxation*. She is a former trustee of the CGA-BC Education Foundation and is currently a governor of the CPABC Education Foundation.

Lori is also a governor of the Canadian Tax Foundation, an organization to which she has contributed extensively. She was a driving force behind the creation of its young practitioners group, which encourages the growth of tax professionals through training and peer support, and co-organized the Foundation's first "Women in Tax" event in Vancouver.

In addition, Lori is a board director for the Vancouver Board of Trade, and chair of its policy council. She has been a member of the dean's advisory committee for the Centre for Business Law at UBC since 2014, and also sits on the law firm regulation task force of the Law Society of British Columbia.

Also passionate advocate for arts and culture in her community, Lori has been a director of the board of the Vancouver Public Library Foundation since 2010, and served as a board trustee in 2008-2009. Lori is also honorary counsel for the Carousel Theatre Society.



Hubert (Bert) Miles, FCPA, FCMA

Bert is the principal of H.A. Miles Ag Consulting. He obtained his CMA designation in 1971, and was awarded Life Membership from CMABC in 2010.

Bert began his consulting career in 2009, after nearly three decades as general manager of Burnaby Lake Greenhouses Ltd., during which he helped the company generate a seven-fold increase in sales. He also guided the company's relocation and major expansion to a two-million-square-foot production facility that was then the most advanced and automated in North America. Before joining Burnaby Lake Greenhouses, he worked as a controller and secretary-treasurer for a number of

leading BC companies and organizations.

Bert has been dedicated to the advancement of the accounting profession for over 40 years. He was a member of the CMABC board from 1975 to 1981, and during his tenure as chair, led early merger discussions with the ICABC that helped set the stage for future merger dialogue. He also served on CMABC's conduct review committee and volunteered as a director for the Society's Vancouver Chapter.

Bert is well-known and respected for his extensive volunteer contributions to the credit union movement in BC. He was elected to serve on the board of Surrey Metro Savings Credit Union in 1990, and served as its chair from 1996 to 1999. While serving on the board, he helped lead Canada's second-largest credit union to more than \$1 billion in assets. Bert has also held several volunteer positions on the board of Credit Union Central of BC.

Bert has also been involved in strengthening BC's agricultural sector through service with the BC Agricultural Research & Development Corporation and the Investment Agriculture Foundation of BC (IAF). He has been a board director for the IAF for several years, and currently serves as its treasurer. His tenure on the IAF board also includes stints as chair, secretary, and chair of the audit and investment committee.



Janice Roper, FCPA, FCA

Janice is a partner with Deloitte LLP, and has served as national leader of the firm's indirect tax practice since 2014. She has been the indirect tax practice leader for BC since 1994.

Janice joined Deloitte's predecessor firm, Touche Ross, in 1982. In 1989, she initiated the sales tax practice at the Vancouver office, which helped position the firm as an early leader on the GST at a national level.

Janice's professional accomplishments are extensive. She was the gold medal winner for the ICABC tax exam in 1983, and obtained her CA designation in 1985. She later became one of the first two women elected to partnership in the

Vancouver office of Deloitte & Touche, and in 1997, she was recognized in the *Who's Who of Canadian Women*. Janice has also received international recognition for her work—*International Tax Review* has recognized her as one of the world's leading indirect tax advisers every year for the last three years.

Janice devotes significant time and energy to the CPA profession. She is co-chair of CPA Canada's In-Depth HST/GST course, for which she lectures annually, and has been a member of and speaker for CPA Canada's GST Leaders Forum for many years. Janice is a frequent speaker for both CPA Canada and the Canadian Tax Foundation, and has presented papers at several conferences and symposia. She previously served on the ICABC's professional development committee and GST sub-committee.

Additionally, Janice is a frequent contributor to local and national media on topics related to the PST, GST, and HST, generously sharing her practical knowledge and expertise with a broad public audience.

In her spare time, Janice enjoys the arts and being active in her community. She volunteers on the board of The Way Church, and currently serves as chair and treasurer. She has also served as treasurer for both the Deaf Children's Society of BC and the Delta Skating Club, and volunteered with the South Delta Baptist Church.



Cheng-Yan (C.Y.) Tay, FCPA, FCGA

C.Y. is the chief financial officer of PDG Investments, a real estate development firm specializing in medium and large retail and mixed-used projects.

From 2004 to 2014, C.Y. was also a director and executive vice-president for Leisura Developments, a joint venture between Manulife Capital and Intrawest Corporation, developing condominium hotel properties in Canada. C.Y. also worked for Intrawest, JP Morgan Asset Management, and the Ledcor Group on their US joint venture condominium/hotel developments.

After graduating from Simon Fraser University, C.Y. went on to obtain his

CGA designation in 1999. He became an active volunteer in the accounting profession, contributing greatly to its development and advancement through service as a member and/or chair of numerous CGA committees and advisory groups over the next 15 years, including in the areas of finance, audit, appeals, honours and awards, strategic management, and chapters. In addition, he served on the board of governors of CGA-BC from 2008 to 2013, and later served as one of three members of the CGA-BC merger task force, playing a pivotal role leading to the amalgamation of the three legacy bodies that established CPABC.

C.Y. has also attended numerous business and student recruitment functions to promote the profession to students and to the business community. His awards for service to CGA-BC include the J.M. Macbeth Award, the Harold Clarke Award, and the Ambassador of Distinction Award.

C.Y. has also been involved in many charitable and fundraising events, and continues to give back to his community. He has served on the audit committee of the Real Estate Board of Greater Vancouver since 2012, and has been its chair since 2014. He has also volunteered his time for the past several years as a mentor with the CPA and Beedie School of Business Student Leadership Development Program at SFU.



Praveen Varshney, FCPA, FCA

Praveen is director of Varshney Capital Corp., a Vancouver-based merchant banking, venture capital, and corporate advisory services firm. He is also chief financial officer of Canada Zinc Metals Corp.

Since obtaining his CA designation in 1990, Praveen has combined his expertise in finance with his passion for entrepreneurship to support the growth and development of some of BC and Canada's most successful businesses. His accomplishments include co-founding Mogo, Canada's largest online alternative finance products and unsecured consumer lender. He served as Mogo's CFO until 2010, and remains a director to this day. From 2001

to 2007, Praveen served as CFO of Carmanah Technologies, which became Canada's largest solar technology company during his tenure. As an active angel investor, he was the first investor in Coastal Contacts, a company that grew from \$2.5 million in sales to more than \$200 million, and was acquired for \$435 million in 2014.

Praveen is a frequent speaker and panellist, sharing his knowledge and expertise in the community, and has contributed to four books on professional and personal advice. At 32, he was named one of *Business in Vancouver's* Forty under 40.

Praveen served on the faculty advisory board of UBC's Sauder School of Business for 12 years, is a former board member of the Vancouver Board of Trade, and has served on the board of the Entrepreneurs' Organization (EO) for many years. He currently sits on the advisory board of the Thomas Edison Innovation Foundation and is a founding member of The Indus Entrepreneurs' Vancouver Chapter.

Praveen also volunteers his leadership to a number of non-profit and charitable organizations. He was co-chair for the major gifts campaign from the South Asian community for the BC Children's Hospital Foundation in 2014, and is a partner with Social Venture Partners Vancouver. He also sits on the provincial advisory board for the Heart & Stroke Foundation of BC & Yukon, and is a director with Room to Read, the Varshney Family Charitable Foundation, OneProsper, and Instruments Beyond Borders.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The CPABC Community Service Award highlights the remarkable commitment and dedication of CPAs to a social cause, and/or their unstinting support to one or more not-for-profit or charitable organizations.



CPABC Community Service Award Winners



Peter Guo, CPA, CA

Peter is a partner with MNP LLP in Vancouver. His passion for diversity, inclusion, and creating opportunities for people is evident in his many contributions to his community. With a focus on identifying and empowering talent, he tirelessly invests in people, both locally and abroad.

Peter has shared his knowledge, energy, and leadership with many organizations over the past 30 years. Most notably, he is currently in his fifth year on the board of S.U.C.C.E.S.S., one of BC's largest social services agencies, and chair of its advocacy and community relations committee.

As a mentor with the Forum of

Women Entrepreneurs, Peter's experience assists women in successfully growing their businesses. As a founding member of UBC Sauder School's management information system advisory board, he is helping to integrate business and technology curricula to assist graduates in their pursuit of meaningful careers, and mentors students to better meet the demands of employers.

A creative and energetic fundraiser, Peter, with the dedication and support of his family, friends, and colleagues, has raised over \$40,000 for the preschool of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, and more than \$150,000 for the Walk with the Dragon event, benefitting the S.U.C.C.E.S.S. Foundation.

Over the years, Peter also combined his love of soccer and his commitment to youth development by coaching and managing several teams with the Vancouver United Football Club.

CPABC Community Service Award Winners



David Turchen, CPA, CA, CPA (Washington)

David is a partner with MNP LLP in Abbotsford. He is also chair of the Abbotsford Hospice Society's board of directors and over the past four years, he has made profound volunteer contributions to the Society that will benefit families in Abbotsford for decades to come.

The Abbotsford Hospice Society is a non-profit organization that helps support people who are dying, along with family members who are offering care or grieving the loss of loved ones. David was instrumental in realizing the Society's ambitious plan to construct Holmberg House, a \$13-million facility

that will soon house the organization's operations, and a new residential hospice. He spearheaded the project's operations and capital campaign, and also led critical negotiations with the Fraser Health Authority to allow the hospice to operate within the new facility. Without his efforts, Holmberg House would not be opening in early 2016.

David also helped lead the Society to partner with Canuck Place Children's Hospice and Matthew's House (a respite facility for families with children requiring complex care) to form the David Lede Campus of Care next to the Abbotsford Regional Hospital and Cancer Centre. The Campus includes a complex arrangement of health-related services backed by civic, provincial, and community support, and is the first of its kind in North America.

In addition to his work with the Society, David was appointed to the board of the Provincial Health Services Authority, in December 2015.

EARLY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

The CPABC Early Achievement Award celebrates members who distinguish themselves early in their CPA careers through professional achievement and volunteer service, with an emphasis on professional accomplishments.



CPABC Early Achievement Award Winners



Craig Carefoot, CPA, CMA

Craig obtained his CMA designation in 2010. He is the controller at Family Capital Corp. in Victoria, where he is responsible for the accounting functions of almost 100 entities. His challenging role requires knowledge of standards across a wide variety of industries, not-for-profits, corporations, and trusts. Craig also works closely with clients to provide advice and direction on a variety of issues, including planning, reporting, and education.

Prior to joining Family Capital, Craig was the project controller for Deloitte in their Victoria office, working in partnership with HP Advanced Solutions on the BC Revenue Management Project.

Craig has demonstrated leadership in the profession as a member on the Victoria CMA chapter board from 2010 to 2012, where he served as chair, vice-chair, and director-at-large. He has also worked to raise the profile of the profession in his community as an instructor and moderator in the legacy CMA program, and as a volunteer at the annual School of Business Accounting Social at Camosun College, discussing his experiences in the profession with students.

Craig also volunteers his time as a board member in his community, serving on the boards of the Red Arrow Brewing Company and the Veselka Ukrainian Dance Association. He previously served on the board of the Carnarvon Ball Club.

CPABC Early Achievement Award Winners



Lauren Clavora, CPA, CA

Lauren obtained her CA designation in 2011, and joined Andrew Sheret Limited (ASL) in June 2014. Prior to assuming her current role as controller for ASL, Lauren was an assurance manager at Hayes Stewart Little & Co. (HSLCO), where she also served as the technical standards leader on the office's quality assurance committee. Her career progressed quickly at HSLCO—by her second year as an articling student, she was supervising engagements.

Lauren's enthusiasm for the profession was evident early on in her career. While still articling at HSLCO, she volunteered on campus with student recruiting activities at Camosun College. After

passing the CA program's uniform final evaluation, she mentored other students in the office by volunteering to mark practice exams and helping students with their work. She also organized the firm's annual entry in the *Times Colonist* 10K run.

Lauren continues to find time to stay involved in her community. She is currently treasurer for both the James Bay Community Project and the Belvedere strata council, and recently joined the finance committee of Power To Be, a social services organization. She has also participated in several local community fundraising events, including the Heart & Stroke Foundation's Big Bike event, the GoodLife Fitness Victoria Marathon charity pledge program, and the Ryder Hesjedal Tour de Victoria.

CPABC Early Achievement Award Winners



Saskia Muller, CPA, CGA

Saskia obtained her CGA designation in 2009. She's now a managing partner with Galloway Botteselle & Co., and the youngest female partner in the firm's history.

Saskia provides leadership to her firm and to the profession at large. At her firm, she was instrumental in developing a quarterly performance review process for staff, spearheaded the development of the firm's website, and developed its social media presence on Twitter and Facebook. She has also organized and led semi-annual partners' meetings.

Contributions to the profession include serving on CGA-BC's

discipline committee for four years, chairing the large firms' committee meetings at CGA-BC's annual conference, and participating in the mid-size firms' forum. During the unification process, she participated in several CPA merger roundtable discussions. Today, she serves on the CPABC investigation committee.

Saskia consistently works to raise the profile of the profession. She has participated in tax training clinics for students at UBC, was a CaseWare seminar presenter to SFU and UBC students for six years, and has co-scripted and appeared in informational videos produced to promote the Advanced Certificate in Accounting and Finance program.

In her community, Saskia volunteers for the Girl Guides of Canada as a Brownie leader and as a district co-treasurer. She is also former treasurer of the Bernie Legge Theatre.

CPABC Early Achievement Award Winners



Selena Nisbet, CPA, CGA

Selena obtained her CGA designation in 2010, and became a managing partner with Galloway Botteselle & Co. in Vancouver just one year later. Her efforts have helped the firm grow from a staff of 17 to a staff of 30, garnering them a spot on *BC Business's* list of the biggest accounting firms in BC for the past several years.

An exemplary leader at her firm, Selena has organized and chaired semi-annual partner meetings, instituted monthly in-house training seminars for students, and organized and facilitated office retreats to cultivate teamwork. She also developed the firm's social media strategy, and updated its office policy

manual, and continues to lead annual QAM internal reporting.

Selena was a member of the CGA-BC discipline committee from 2011 through the transition to CPABC, and now serves on the CPABC bylaws committee. During the unification process, she also participated in several CPA merger roundtable discussions. Selena was featured in recruitment and promotional materials produced by CGA-BC; more recently, she has represented her firm and CPABC at numerous recruiting events. She is also a mentor with the CPA and Beedie School of Business Student Leadership Development Program.

In her community, Selena is treasurer for a local animal rescue group and a local strata corporation. She has also volunteered as a tax preparer for low-income individuals and senior citizens.



Sharon Perry, CPA, CA

Sharon obtained her CA designation in 2007. She is the principal of Sharon Perry Inc., a firm she has owned and operated for almost five years. Before founding her own firm, Sharon worked with EPR Coquitlam, Grant Thornton in Vancouver and Langley, and Blue Fish Group.

Sharon’s professional talents were evident early on in her career. During her first year at Grant Thornton, the firm recognized her extensive small business and tax experience and put her in charge of running the tax pools at their Langley office.

Sharon has since established herself as a leader in developing a strong brand

and a thriving and growing practice. She has been voted “Favourite Accountant” by readers of *Tri-City News* for three years in a row, and was voted “Reader’s Choice Favourite Accountant” in *Tri-Cities Now* in 2014. In addition, Sharon has been nominated twice for the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce’s Community Spirit Award (2012 and 2014), and was a finalist for the Chamber’s Small Business of the Year Award in 2014.

Deeply committed to her community, Sharon has served as treasurer on several boards, including the Tri-City Transition House and Parkland PAC since 2007, and raised close to \$30,000 for the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation in 2015. Sharon is also active in minor sports.

CPABC Early Achievement Award Winners



Henry Tso, CPA, CGA, CMA

Henry received his CGA designation in 2010, and his CMA designation in 2013. He also received his certified aboriginal financial manager (CAFM) designation in 2011. He is the CFO of Aboriginal Tourism BC, interim CFO for the Aboriginal Tourism Association of Canada, and a member of the tax assessment appeal board for the Tsleil-Waututh Nation.

Henry's professional accomplishments are extensive and diverse. Before taking on his current roles, he served as controller for Destination BC and was project lead in creating Aboriginal Travel Services, the first travel agency in BC owned and managed by First

Nations. Henry was also the project lead for several pavilions during the 2010 Winter Olympic Games through his work with Aboriginal Tourism BC.

In addition to his professional achievements, Henry has worked hard to elevate the visibility of the profession. He has served as the treasurer of CPABC's North Shore/Sunshine Coast Chapter since June 2014 and as vice-chair since July 2015. He is also a member of the CPABC mentoring program, and served as a regular exam invigilator for CGA-BC from 2010 to 2015.

Henry's volunteer activities include serving on the board of directors of the North Shore Disability Resource Centre and on the Centre's audit and housing committees. He is also a member of the business advisory board for the MBA program at New York Institute of Technology's Vancouver campus, and a certified trainer of the First Nations Financial Fitness Workshop for the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of BC.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION AWARD

The Service to the Profession Award recognizes members' dedication, commitment, and outstanding volunteer contributions to the CPA profession, primarily through service on committees, chapters, and task forces.





Aaron Collins, CPA, CGA

Aaron is a partner with MNP LLP in Abbotsford and over the past four years, he has assumed a series of increasingly senior roles on the board of CPABC's Surrey/Langley/North Delta (SLND) Chapter, beginning as a volunteer four years ago and progressing to vice-chair in 2015.

A resilient leader with a strong work ethic, Aaron honours every commitment and is willing to contribute to chapter activities at all levels—from introducing guests to cleaning up after meetings and events. He is dedicated to making the Chapter a vibrant and useful part of the Surrey, Langley, and North Delta communities.

Through Aaron's involvement, the SLND Chapter has improved its overall operations and its delivery of professional development courses. Additionally, his broad network of business contacts has been an important source of guest speakers for the Chapter.

Over the past five years, Aaron has also participated in several recruiting events with the University of the Fraser Valley and Kwantlen Polytechnic University, helping to educate students about accounting and about career opportunities in public practice.

In addition to his volunteer contributions to CPABC and the profession, Aaron dedicates his time and energy to coaching children's hockey, soccer, and football.



**Jacqueline Oi Ping Ho, CPA,
CGA**

Jacqueline is a business manager with Corus Entertainment Inc. and she has provided outstanding service to the profession for over six years. As chair of CPABC's Richmond/South Delta (RSD) Chapter, she has shown tremendous leadership during the transition to the new CPABC chapter structure, and has made sure that members clearly understand the Chapter's mandate and goals. She also serves as a liaison between the Chapter and CPABC, and ensures that the Chapter is up to date on all regulatory issues.

Jacqueline is actively involved in all of the Chapter's committees and supports opportunities for every member to get involved. She is a consensus builder who has created a board environment that encourages discussion and supports the dynamic exchange of ideas, leading to final decisions that have garnered the support of board members. In addition to serving as chair, Jacqueline has helped organize professional development events, social functions, student recruitment events, and networking evenings. Before serving as chair of the RSD Chapter, Jacqueline volunteered extensively for her legacy CGA-BC chapter.

In addition to her service to the profession, Jacqueline devotes many hours to local charities and events, including the City of Richmond's Ships to Shore Steveston event, the Richmond Food Bank, and the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She has also mentored new Canadians as they prepare to enter the workforce.



Jason Stevenson, CPA, CMA

Jason is a senior manager with KPMG LLP in Victoria and he has been an active chapter member since 2009. He has made substantial contributions to the profession over the past seven years—first through his legacy CMABC chapter and now through the CPABC Victoria/Southern Vancouver Island Chapter, serving in his roles as chair, vice-chair, and communications director.

Since first joining a chapter board in 2009, Jason has organized numerous events, including student activities, fundraising events for local charities and student bursaries, professional development courses, and member social events for both CMABC and

CPABC. As the inaugural chair of CPABC's Victoria/Southern Vancouver Island Chapter, Jason led in the establishment of the Chapter throughout the merger process, providing leadership and coordination as the amalgamation took place. He also played a key role in recruiting new board members for the Chapter.

For the past six years, Jason has also served on the planning committee for the annual CPA-FMI (previously CMA-CGA-FMI) financial management conference in Victoria. A joint event with the Financial Management Institute of Canada (FMI), the conference brings cutting edge topics to local accounting and finance leaders. Jason also serves as president of FMI's Victoria chapter.

CPABC Service to the Profession Award Winners



Russ Wilson, CPA, CA

Russ, a partner with Johnsen Archer LLP in Surrey, has provided compassionate leadership as a trustee of the ICABC Benevolent Fund for over a decade, including five years as the board's chair. He helped lead the process of transitioning the legacy organization into the CPABC Benevolent Fund, and continues to serve as chair. First established in 1935, the Benevolent Fund provides short-term assistance to CPA members who are suffering from unusual financial hardship. The Fund typically receives up to 10 applications per year, and as chair, Russ leads the assessment process for each case. He has been very generous with his time on the board,

investing hundreds of hours to review approximately 50 individual applications.

Over the years, Russ has approached this role with openness and a commitment to ensuring healthy discussion among all trustees. He is recognized by his peers for the care, sensitivity, and non-judgmental approach he has brought to this role, and for his dedication and inspiring commitment to the cause.

Through his involvement, Russ has greatly impacted the lives of many members who needed assistance at a particularly challenging time in their lives.

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