

Celebrating Achievement

2014 Honourees

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and R. W. Caulfield Award
for Leadership Winners
- FCMAAs and Life Members



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Congratulations!



We hope you enjoy this first issue of our new online member recognition supplement, created to help us celebrate the profession's award winners.

As we work toward the launch of an integrated CPABC member recognition program in 2015, building on the proud traditions of the three unifying bodies, we also have a final roster of legacy award winners to celebrate. The following pages feature bios of the final group of CGA-BC and CMABC honourees. The next issue, coming out in early 2015, will feature the final group of ICABC honourees.

I'd like to extend my congratulations to each of the individuals profiled in this supplement for bringing honour and distinction to the accounting profession. Job well done!

Richard Rees, CPA, FCA, President & CEO of CPABC

CGA FELLOWSHIP

The CGA Fellowship designation is granted by CGA-Canada to members who have made an outstanding contribution to the CGA Association or the accounting profession. This year, CGA-Canada was pleased to grant the honour to eight members from British Columbia.

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**Heather Banham, CPA, FCGA**

Heather is the dean of the Okanagan School of Business at Okanagan College in Kelowna. Responsible for the operation of the School of Business, she oversees budget development, financial management, human resources management, and the academic integrity of programs, as well as student recruitment, engagement, and retention.

Prior to her appointment as dean, Heather served as associate dean, director of a special small business human resources project, chair of business administration, and an accounting professor.

Heather holds a doctorate in business administration from the University of

Southern Queensland in Australia and a master of business administration in international management from the Asia Pacific International Graduate School of Management. She received her CGA designation in 1992, and currently serves as second vice-chair of CGA-BC's board of governors.

An active member of the profession, Heather is involved with a variety of CGA-BC committees, including the Discipline, Education Appeals, and Education Advisory committees. On a national level, she is a member of CGA Canada's National Education Committee. For her efforts in promoting the CGA designation, Heather received the CGA-BC Ambassador of Distinction Award in 2012.

**Michael Ell, CPA, FCGA**

Michael is the proprietor and principal of Michael F. Ell, CGA. In addition to providing services to small business clients, he provides standards consulting to accounting firms in BC and across Canada. In addition to working in public practice, he has also worked in government and industry.

Michael received his CGA designation in 1978. He has been very active within the profession, acting as the primary practice reviewer for CGA-BC and training new practice reviewers across the country. He has also contributed to the profession as an associate of the CPA Canada Accounting Standards Board Private Enterprise Advisory Committee

and as a member of the CPA Canada Practitioners Technical Advisory Board.

Over the years, Michael has taught numerous professional development courses and seminars on a variety of topics, including accounting standards for both private and not-for-profit organizations and ethics. He also develops and facilitates courses on public practice, standards, and the *CPA Canada Handbook*, and currently serves as an instructor for the CPABC professional development program.


Norman Grdina, CPA, FCGA

Norman is a partner with the firm Morrow & Co. He also serves on the board of directors of the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of BC (AFOA-BC) and is a member of the Audit and Technical Advisory Committee for AFOA-Canada. Through his involvement with AFOA, Norman helped develop the New Operational Reporting Method pilot for Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada. He also contributes to the First Nations community through his involvement with the First Nations Financial Management Board.

Norman earned his CGA designation in 1977, and is an active member in the

profession—both provincially and nationally. He has served on a variety of committees, as well as on the Public Practice Advisory Group and the Interdisciplinary Practices Task Force, and acted as a review lecturer at Hong Kong University of behalf of CGA-Canada.

Norman is also a certified fraud examiner and a licensed private investigator for financial investigations. He was instrumental in launching Morrow Investigations Inc., a BC corporation licensed under the Security Services Act that provides a wide range of investigative services.

In 2002, Norman joined CGA-BC's Quarter Century Club.


John Jansen, CPA, FCGA

John is the manager of special projects for the Chilliwack Economic Partners Corporation (CEPCO). As CEPCO's president from 1995 to 2013, he developed initiatives to further economic growth in Chilliwack. Among his many accomplishments with CEPCO, John successfully negotiated for the development of Rogers Foods, the largest food grain processor outside of Vancouver.

Prior to joining CEPCO, John worked with the provincial government. During his various elected terms, he served as minister of such departments as finance and corporate relations and served as parliamentary secretary. He has also

worked in municipal government, serving as mayor of the District of Chilliwack and chair of the Regional District of Fraser-Cheam.

Currently president of the Chilliwack Hospital and Health Care Foundation, John played a leadership role in securing \$35,000,000 to fund a new Emergency and Ambulatory Care wing at Chilliwack General Hospital. He has also served as chair of the BC Milk Marketing Board and the Fraser Valley Justice Committee, and led in the establishment of Canada Education Park in Chilliwack.

John received his CGA in 1971 and joined the Quarter Century Club in 1996. He is also a recipient of the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal.

CGA Fellows



Jo-Ann Johnston, CPA, FCGA

Jo-Ann has been a faculty member with the British Columbia Institute of Technology for more than 28 years, working in the financial management department.

Combining her experience in teaching with her extensive knowledge of the accounting industry, Jo-Ann joined a team of authors to write the best-selling Canadian textbook series *Accounting* (volumes 1, 2, and 3).

Jo-Ann received her CGA designation in 1982, and has been an active member of the CGA-BC community for many years. In addition to contributing to a variety of groups and committees, she served on the CGA-BC board of

governors, chaired the CGA-BC Student Advisory Group for 15 years, and served as chair of the Tri-Cities Chapter. Today, she continues to serve on the board of the CGA-BC Educational Foundation.

In 2007, Jo-Ann joined the Quarter Century Club, marking 25 years of active CGA membership. In 2010, she received CGA-BC's Harold Clarke Award for Service in recognition of her outstanding contributions to the organization.

CGA Fellows



Urmilla Mereigh, CPA, FCGA

Urmilla is the business manager for Vancouver Imaging, the largest radiology group in British Columbia. In 2013, she authored "Emergency Trauma Radiology," a document outlining the need for around-the-clock trauma radiology services in hospital emergency wards. This was subsequently used as the basis for Vancouver Imaging to provide such services at Vancouver General Hospital (VGH). She has also written publications for organizations such as the Real Estate Council of British Columbia.

Since receiving her CGA designation in 1995, Urmilla has contributed extensively to the profession. In addition

to furthering the growth of CGA-BC's North Shore/Sunshine Coast Chapter over a period of 18 years, she also worked on a variety of industry-related professional development task forces—both at the provincial and national levels.

Also active in the community, Urmilla has served on the boards of several North Shore organizations, including the Girls Soccer Club, the Windsor Indoor Soccer Facility, and Braemar Elementary School.

In addition to receiving her FCGA this year, Urmilla is a recipient of the J. M. Macbeth Award of Merit for her contributions to the North Shore/Sunshine Coast Chapter.


Pamela Skinner, CPA, FCGA

Pamela is the vice-president of public practice regulation for CPABC, providing leadership for the public practice regulation department. She is also the director of member services and public practice for CGA-BC.

Actively involved in the unification of the accounting profession in BC, Pamela serves on a variety of CPABC work groups, focused on areas ranging from legislation to professional development. At the national level, her contributions include serving on the National Regulatory Steering Committee, the Public Accounting Regulatory Work Group, and the Public Accounting Requirements Work Group.

Prior to joining CGA-BC in 2007, Pamela was vice-president of trust for HSBC Bank (Canada), CEO of HSBC Trust Company (Canada), and director of trust services for BMO Harris Private Banking.

Pamela has also volunteered with the Estate Planning Council of Vancouver. She recently completed her term as past president, and previously served as membership chair, treasurer, and program chair. In addition, she has contributed to the Lions Gate Hospital Foundation as a board director, as a member of the Investment Committee, and as chair of the Planned Giving Committee.

Pamela received her designation in 1985 and joined the Quarter Century Club in 2010.


Paul Walker, CPA, FCGA

Paul is a partner with EPR Maple Ridge Langley White Rock, an independent member of EPR Canada Group Inc. (formerly Evancic Perrault Robertson). While previously serving as chair of Evancic Perrault Robertson, he oversaw a successful restructuring that changed the partnership into a multi-designation network of professional accountants. Paul was subsequently elected first president of EPR Canada Group Inc. Today, he continues to play an integral role as EPR Canada's international representative, travelling extensively to network with professional accountants around the world.

Paul received his CGA designation in 1997. Highly active in the profession, he has been an integral member of CGA-BC's Ethics and Member Readmission committees for several years. He has also made considerable contributions to the profession through his involvement with CGA-BC's Tri-Cities/Ridge Meadows Chapter and his service on CGA-Canada's Examinations Oversight Committee.

In addition to receiving his fellowship this year, Paul has been honoured with the Harold Clarke Award for Service. The award is presented to members for their outstanding service to the association, to the community, and/or to a charitable organization.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

The Life Membership Award recognizes meritorious service to CGA-BC and the profession over a period of many years, and is the highest honour CGA-BC can bestow on its members. Eight members were chosen for Life Membership in 2014.



CGA-BC Life Members



Cindy Choi, CPA, FCGA

Cindy is a partner with Chan Choi & Company. She has been in public practice for over 15 years, supporting small businesses and individuals.

Since receiving her CGA designation in 1997, Cindy has been an active member of the profession, giving back at the local, provincial, and national levels. She was elected to CGA-BC's board of governors in 2007 and served as chair in 2012. Today, she continues to serve as chair of the Appeals and Practice Review committees for CGA-BC, and as a board member for CGA-Canada.

Actively involved in the community as well, Cindy currently serves on the board of Camosun College. She has also served

on the board of Junior Achievement, and recently completed a nine-year term on the board of British Columbia's Small Business Roundtable.

In recognition of her service to the accounting profession, Cindy received her FCGA designation from CGA-Canada in 2011. She is also a past recipient of the Ambassador of Distinction Award and the J. M. Macbeth Award of Merit from CGA-BC.

CGA-BC Life Members



Ida Chong, CPA, FCGA

A longstanding member of the legislative assembly of British Columbia, Ida represented the Oak Bay-Gordon Head constituency for 17 years, ending in 2013. She held a variety of cabinet positions during her time in politics, with portfolios that included aboriginal relations and reconciliation; community, sport, and cultural development; science and universities; regional, economic, and skills development; small business, technology, and economic development; community service; and advanced education. She also served as the minister responsible for the Asia-Pacific initiative and as minister of state for women's and seniors' services.

Since receiving her designation in 1981, Ida has been an active contributor to the accounting profession, serving on CGA-BC's Practice Review and Conference committees and acting as an MLA contact. She has also volunteered extensively in the community, working with a variety of not-for-profit groups.

Ida was honoured with a fellowship designation in 2006, and joined the Quarter Century Club that same year. For her contributions to the profession, she is also a past recipient of CGA-BC's Community Service Award, Harold Clarke Award for Service, and J. M. Macbeth Award of Merit.

CGA-BC Life Members



Brian Friedrich, CPA, FCGA

Brian is a principal with Friedrich & Friedrich Corporation, an accounting research, standards, and education consultancy firm he co-founded with his wife Laura Friedrich, CPA, FCGA. The firm has provided policy and governance guidance to institutions and regulatory bodies in Canada and internationally.

Brian has developed, taught, and/or facilitated hundreds of professional development courses for designated accountants and is the author/co-author of numerous articles, research papers, and studies.

A member of CGA-BC's board of governors since 2008, Brian currently serves as first vice-chair of the board and as chair of the Discipline Committee. He also contributes to the profession at the national level, serving on CPA Canada's Public Trust Committee.

Brian received his CGA designation in 2001, and was honoured with fellowship in 2011. His contributions to the profession have also garnered him the President's Award for Education, the Chairman's Circle Award, the J. M. Macbeth Award of Merit, and the Ambassador of Distinction Award from CGA-BC.

CGA-BC Life Members



Laura Friedrich, CPA, FCGA

Laura is a principal with Friedrich & Friedrich Corporation, an accounting research, standards, and education consultancy firm she co-founded with her husband, Brian Friedrich, CPA, FCGA. The firm has provided policy and governance guidance to institutions and regulatory bodies in Canada and internationally.

Through her work as an author, researcher, consultant, presenter, and speaker, Laura has contributed extensively to the accounting profession—both in and outside of Canada. She has also contributed to the profession as an active volunteer with CGA-BC, serving on the Ethics Committee, the Education

and Bylaws advisory groups, and the board of the Surrey/Langley/North Delta Chapter. In addition, she has served as a mentor, participated in student recruitment and engagement efforts, developed courses for the CGA program, and acted as a senior exam invigilator.

Laura received her CGA designation in 2001, and was honoured with fellowship in 2011. Her contributions have also garnered her the President's Award for Education, the J. M. Macbeth Award, and the Ambassador of Distinction Award from CGA-BC.

CGA-BC Life Members



Irene Gordon, CPA, FCGA

Irene is an accounting professor with the Beedie School of Business at Simon Fraser University. A faculty member since 1981, she has authored numerous publications and delivered presentations at conferences around the world.

Irene has also contributed to academia as the first female president of the Canadian Academic Accounting Association (CAAA). She has also served on the CAAA's Academic Advisory Council and on its Nomination, Scientific, and Award Selection committees.

Since receiving her CGA designation in 1983, Irene has been an active contributor to the profession. In addition to being a member of the CGA-BC board of

governors from 1999 to 2001, her contributions include serving on the Education Advisory Group, the Non-Dues Revenue and Governance Review task forces, the Education Appeals Committee, and the Educational Foundation Board. At the national level, Irene's involvement includes serving as chair of CGA-Canada's Education Advisory Council and as a member of numerous committees.

Irene received her FCGA designation in 1998 and joined the Quarter Century Club in 2008. She is also a recipient of the CAAA's L. S. Rosen Outstanding Educator Award.

CGA-BC Life Members



Bruce Hurst, CPA, FCGA

Bruce is a shareholder and director of Reid Hurst Nagy Inc., and a recent appointee to British Columbia's Auditor Certification Board.

Since receiving his CGA designation in 1983, Bruce has been an active contributor to the accounting profession. In addition to serving on CGA-BC's board of governors from 2007 to 2012, which included a term as president in 2011, he has served on several committees and advisory groups. Bruce has also contributed at the national level, serving on the board of CGA-Canada and on the Affiliation Council.

Highly active in the community as well, Bruce currently serves as board president

for the Langara College Foundation, and as treasurer and a member of the First Aid Ski Patrol (Grouse Mountain). He is also a longstanding member of the Financial Planners Standards Council, and served for several years as an appointed representative to the Technical Advisory Group sponsored by the Aboriginal Financial Officers Association of BC.

Bruce received CGA-BC's Harold Clarke Award for Service in 2005 and joined the Quarter Century Club in 2008. He received his fellowship designation in 2010.

CGA-BC Life Members



Candace Nancke, CPA, FCGA

Candace is the managing partner of Loren Nancke & Company. Prior to joining the firm in 1997, she worked in the financial planning industry.

Candace received her CGA designation in 1999 and joined CGA-BC's board of governors in 2009. While serving as chair of the board in 2013, she played a lead role in the signing of the three-way merger agreement by the legacy accounting bodies in BC, and in the subsequent signing of the three-way joint venture agreement. Today, she continues to provide leadership through her work on the CPABC Transitional Steering Committee, which she joined in May 2013.

Candace has also given back to the accounting profession through her service as a member and/or chair of numerous CGA-BC committees and as a trustee of its Educational Foundation. She has also contributed at the national level, serving on CGA-Canada's Affiliation Council.

In the community, Candace often volunteers as a lecturer for Small Business BC, Capilano University, and North Shore Continuing Education.

Candace was honoured with the FCGA designation in 2012. She is also a past recipient of CGA-BC's J. M. Macbeth Award of Merit and the Harold Clark Award for Service.



David Sale, CPA, FCGA

David is an accounting professor at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) and the current chair of CGA-BC's board of governors.

David's service with CGA-BC has also included several committee appointments. He served as chair of the Education Appeals Committee and the Education Advisory Group, and as a member of the Recruitment and Liaison Committee and the Scholarship Subcommittee. He also acted as BC's representative on CGA Canada's National Education Committee. In addition to his role as chair of the CGA-BC board, David currently serves on CPABC's Transitional Steering

Committee, working toward the unification of the three professional designations,

An active volunteer in the community as well, David has served as a varsity soccer coach for KPU, a director and coach for Surdel Girls Soccer Club, a soccer coach for Semiahmoo High School, and a softball coach for Surrey Storm. He has also volunteered as treasurer for the Credit Counselling Society of BC.

David received his CGA designation in 1986 and his FCGA in 2012. He joined the Quarter Century Club in 2011 and is also a past recipient of the Harold Clarke Award for Service.

R. W. CAULFIELD AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

The R. W. Caulfield Award for Leadership was created to honour those who exhibit superior leadership. The award celebrates those who are recognized as visionary leaders in their organization, in public service, and in their community activities. In 2014, two members were honoured for their outstanding service to the profession—at both the provincial and national levels.

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CGA-BC R. W. Caulfield Award Winners



Anthony Ariganello, CPA, FCGA

Prior to taking on his current role as chief executive officer of the Human Resources Management Association of BC, Anthony served as president and CEO of CGA-Canada.

During his 11-year tenure at the helm of CGA-Canada, which began in 2003, the organization experienced unprecedented growth. Anthony was instrumental in the creation of a new governance model and in the launch of a national branding campaign, and was at the forefront of the integration of the accounting profession. He also actively lobbied for public practice rights in Ontario and Quebec, and established mutual recognition agreements with the

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, CPA Australia, CPA Ireland, and *L'Ordre des expert-comptables de France*.

An active volunteer in the community as well, Anthony currently chairs the BC Audit Council for Local Government and serves on the boards of the BC Real Estate Association and Spinal Cord Injury BC (SPI BC). He also serves on SPI BC's Audit and Governance committees.

Anthony received his fellowship designation in 2004, and in 2008, he was named one of the "100 CGAs Who Have Made a Difference" as part of CGA-Canada's centennial celebration.

CGA-BC R. W. Caulfield Award Winners



John Nagy, CPA, FCGA

John is a shareholder and director of Reid Hurst Nagy Inc., where he focuses on tax and technology. Prior to joining the firm, he worked exclusively in the banking industry.

Since receiving his CGA designation in 1980, John has been a dedicated contributor to the accounting profession, serving on the boards of both CGA-BC and CGA-Canada—each for many years. In addition to chairing numerous provincial and national committees, John served as president of CGA-BC's board of governors in 1999-2000 and as chair of CGA-Canada's board of directors in 2003-2004.

John currently serves on CPA Canada's board of directors and is a member of the Audit Committee. He also serves on the Real Estate Council of BC and on the Accounting Policy Advisory Committee to BC's minister of finance. He previously served on the Accounting Standards Oversight Council and the Vancouver Advanced Tax Study Group.

Highly active in the community as well, John has volunteered with the Richmond Chamber of Commerce, Scouts Canada, and numerous other community organizations.

John received his FCGA designation in 1998 and CGA-BC's Life Membership Award in 2003. In 2006, he received BCIT's Distinguished Alumni Award for Professional Leadership.

CMA FELLOWSHIP

The highest honour granted by CMA Canada, the FCMA is awarded to CMAs who demonstrate excellence in management accounting, a commitment to the CMA designation and their professional organization, and a civic-mindedness that enriches their community. Seven individuals were chosen in 2014.



CMA Fellows



Rob Broekhuizen, CPA, FCMA

A third-generation paper-maker, Rob currently serves as director of business optimization for Kapstone Paper and Packaging in Charleston, South Carolina. The Vancouver Island native previously held senior management positions with RJB Consulting, K2 Stone Quarries, and Catalyst Paper.

Rob qualified as a CMA in 1994, earning the bronze medal for the third-highest aggregate mark, and began volunteering with CMABC that same year. After serving as a marker for the CMA Professional Program, which later became the Strategic Leadership Program (SLP), he progressed to the role of moderator. Rob subsequently volunteered as a moderator for almost 20

years and was an adjudicator of the final SLP Board Report for five years. He has also attended numerous CMA recruitment events, annual general meetings, and convocation ceremonies, and served as a member of the CMA Victoria Chapter Board in 2008.

In the community, Rob has volunteered with the Port Alberni Assessment Referral Service, the Cowichan Valley Lacrosse Association, the Building Stone Institute, and the Upper Vancouver Island Metro Girls soccer team. He was also a founding director of the men's recreational soccer league in Port Alberni.

**David Hallinan, CPA, FCMA**

David is the director of corporate services and facilities for the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC). Leading a team of 22, he is responsible for providing the organization with strategic solutions and delivering professional administrative and facilities services.

David earned his CMA designation in 2004. He volunteered in support of the designation at local events for over a decade, and also contributed to the profession as an active member and chair of the Kamloops CMA Chapter. In 2011, David was elected to CMABC's board of directors as a representative of BC's Central Region. He was appointed second

vice-chair in 2013 and currently serves as the board's first vice-chair.

In addition to being a strong advocate for the accounting profession, David is active in the community. He currently volunteers with Overlander Cross Country Ski Club, serving as treasurer on the organization's board of directors.

**Debora Musil, CPA, FCMA**

Debora has been a faculty member with the School of Business at Kwantlen Polytechnic University (KPU) since 2002. She has served on a variety of academic committees at KPU during her tenure, and is currently a member of the Senate Standing Committee on Tributes.

Debora earned her CMA designation in 1985. She has been actively involved in the CMA educational program for many years, serving as an instructor for the CMA Accelerated Program, a marker for the Strategic Leadership Program Case Study, a moderator for Case Exam Prep and the Strategic Leadership Program, a facilitator for FastTrack, a marker for the High School

Case Competition, and an adjudicator for Board Report presentations. Debora has also served as an instructor for the CPA Prerequisite Program.

Her various contributions to the community include serving on the board of directors of the West Coast Tap Dance Collective. Debora also volunteers with the Arts Umbrella Dance Company and is a mentor and tutor to accounting students. Past contributions include volunteering in the Richmond School District as a parent representative on school planning councils.



**Vinetta Peek, CMA (Hon.),
CPA, FCMA**

Vinetta is the executive vice-president of marketing and business development for CPABC, responsible for overseeing recruitment and CPA marketing, branding, and business development in this province. She is highly active at the national level as well, playing a lead role in developing and fostering the growth of the CPA brand across Canada.

Vinetta is also the president and CEO of CMABC. She joined the organization in 2003 as vice-president of marketing, became VP of marketing and education in 2008, and was named to her current role in 2012. Prior to joining CMABC, she held senior executive positions with

companies such as Mark Anthony Group, In-Motion Media Corporation, and BBDO New York/McKim Advertising.

In 2007, Vinetta became the sixth British Columbian to receive an honorary CMA designation. She earned her CMA designation four years later—becoming the first CMA (Hon.) in Canadian history to do so.

In the community, Vinetta volunteers as a mentor with the Canadian Youth Business Foundation. She also supports BC's Harmony House for autistic children and is a member of the Women's Executive Network, Financial Executives International, and the Vancouver Board of Trade.



Ken Puls, CPA, FCMA

Ken is the controller and director of information technology for Fairwinds Community & Resort on Vancouver Island, where he oversees all of the accounting and network systems that support the resort's key stakeholders.

With his combined expertise in accounting and information technology, Ken is a highly valued member of the local and international information technology communities. He provides Excel tips and downloads to nearly 400,000 unique visitors annually through his website, www.excelguru.ca, and has taught courses to finance professionals around the world. Ken has even helped NASA implement a project for reporting

power levels on the International Space Station. His contributions have garnered him Microsoft's "Most Valuable Professional – Excel" award—a recognition given only to the top Excel experts in the world—every year since 2006.

Ken is also an active member of his local community and currently serves as treasurer of the Parent Advisory Council at his daughter's school. His past contributions include volunteering as a youth soccer coach for his daughter's team and serving as chair of the CMABC Upper Island Chapter.


Wil Tjoe, CPA, FCMA

Wil is a senior manager with the Bank of Montreal, working in its Enterprise Risk and Portfolio Management Group, where he leads a team of commercial account specialists responsible for Western Canada. Since joining the bank in 1995, Wil has taken on various roles of increasing responsibility in the fields of commercial/corporate banking, retail banking, credit risk management, operations, and corporate training.

Wil has been an active contributor to the CMA Society, serving as a moderator for the Strategic Leadership Program and mentoring candidates in both BC and Ontario. To date, he has helped more than 1,000 candidates

obtain their CMA and CPA, CMA designations.

In addition to his CMA fellowship, Wil is a fellow of the Institute of Canadian Bankers. He recently completed the Advanced Leadership Program from the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto.

Wil devotes his free time to assisting with his children's various sports teams and extracurricular activities.


Curt Walker, CPA, FCMA

Curt is the chief administrative officer for the Lil'wat Nation. Since joining the Lil'wat Nation government in October 2011, he has led in the implementation of several important financial and governance initiatives, overseen the advancement of economic development opportunities, and successfully negotiated impact benefit agreements.

Curt previously worked in the resort, hospitality, and tourism sectors, holding senior finance roles with Whistler Blackcomb, Pan Pacific Hotels and Resorts, and the Gibbons Hospitality Group. He also served as an instructor for Capilano University's Destination Resort Management Program.

Since achieving his CMA designation in 2001, Curt has been a dedicated advocate for the profession. He has been a moderator in the Strategic Leadership Program for the past 10 years, adjudicated candidate Board presentations, provided ongoing coaching and mentoring, and volunteered at various events.

In his community, Curt is a director of the Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre, an advisory board member with the Aboriginal Financial Officer's Association, a director of the Whistler Sports Legacies Society, and financial manager for the Whistler Blackcomb Foundation, a local charity that has supported hundreds of not-for-profit organizations in the Sea-to-Sky Corridor. He also coaches his daughters' softball and soccer teams in Pemberton.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life Membership is granted to CMAs who have been members for more than 20 years and who have contributed significantly to the CMA designation and CMABC and/or made a notable contribution of knowledge to the accounting profession or the field of business management. Three individuals were chosen in 2014.



CMABC Life Members



Pat Kennedy, CPA, FCMA

Pat has been with the Pacific Flying Club for the past 23 years, and currently serves as its chief financial officer. Her diverse career has also included work in public practice and in the private and not-for-profit sectors.

Since earning her CMA designation in 1987, Pat has been involved extensively with CMABC. Her contributions have included serving as chair of the board of directors and as a member of the Transitional Steering Committee, working towards the unification of the accounting profession in BC. In addition, she has served as a lecturer, marker, and moderator for the Strategic Leadership Program.

For her contributions to the Society, she was awarded fellowship in 2007.

Also a longstanding volunteer in the community, Pat is a past board member of the Private Career Training Institutions Agency of British Columbia and the BC Aviation Council. She also served on the board of the Air Transport Association of Canada for 12 years, which included taking on the role of board chair. In 2001, she served as chair of the board for the National Human Resource Study of Commercial Pilots in Canada.

CMABC Life Members



Don Nilson, CPA, FCMA

Don is the principal of Nilson & Company and A.F.T. Trivest Management. After receiving his CMA designation in 1981, he became a dedicated volunteer for CMABC and CMA Canada. In addition to serving as a guest lecturer at various conferences and events, he wrote for *CMA Magazine*, served on the provincial board, represented CMA Canada on the board of the Financial Planning Standards Council, and served as a committee member and chair of both the Public Practice Review Committee and the Public Accounting Licence Committee. Don has also been CMA's commentator at both the federal and provincial budget lockups.

In the community, Don is currently the national treasurer of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers. He has also served on the national board of the Canadian Institute of Financial Planners and as treasurer for organizations such as the BC Wildlife Federation, the Tibetan Refugee Aid Society, and the Gambier Island Sea Ranch.

Don received his FCMA in 2005. He has also received awards from the Financial Planning Standards Council of Canada, the Sauder School of Business, the University of British Columbia, and the Certified General Accountants of BC.

CMABC Life Members



Peter Rook-Green, CPA, CMA

Peter is the president of R-G Management, which specializes in consulting and business management. Prior to launching R-G Management in 1994, Peter worked with a variety of companies, including CN Telecommunications, Falconbridge Nickel, Kaiser Coal, Newmont Mining, City Resources Ltd, and Royal Oak Mines.

Peter received his CMA designation in 1971 and has been a strong advocate for the designation ever since. He was a founding member of the Certified Management Accountants Society of the Yukon, which became affiliated with CMABC soon thereafter, served as chair of the CMABC Education Committee,

and served on the CMABC board as a member and second vice-chair.

Peter's contributions to the community include serving on the Taxation Committee of the Mining Association of British Columbia and as a member of the Financial Executives Institute. He has also volunteered with Toastmasters, the Lions Club, and the Masonic Lodge.

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