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Meet our 2021
Member Recognition
Honourees

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Congratulations!

As CPABC's chair, it gives me great pleasure to introduce our 2021-22 Member Recognition honourees whose accomplishments you will read about in the pages of this supplement.

These members have risen to the top through their outstanding purpose, passion, and commitment to excellence. They are leaders, volunteers, community workers, and educators, and they advance our profession, charitable endeavours, businesses, and the economy in many notable ways.

Today's environment is one of disruption and uncertainty, but these CPAs show us that complex challenges can be the foundation of great accomplishments. Through their commitment, actions, and significant contributions, our honourees have made a remarkable positive impact on their communities and brought distinction to our profession.

Honourees, on behalf of the CPABC board of directors – congratulations! You serve as an inspiration to us all.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "K. Horcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Karen Horcher, FCPA, FCGA, CFA
CPABC Chair

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

- ★ CPABC President and CEO's Address
- ★ CPABC Member Recognition Committees Chair's Address
- ★ CPABC Chair's Address
- ★ Early Achievement Award
- ★ Fellows (PART ONE)
- ★ Distinguished Service Award
- ★ Fellows (PART TWO)
- ★ Lifetime Achievement Award Roundtable Chat
- ★ Concluding Remarks
- ★ Networking

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.





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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Donates a minimum of 5% of her firm's profits back into the community each year.
- Shares her expertise and inspirational leadership as a mentor, motivating many young people to pursue a CPA career.
- Raises the visibility of the CPA profession through her reputation for excellence with clients.

Jane Long-Haggerty, CPA, CA

Jane is the principal of Long-Haggerty Robertson, serving the community of Penticton. Prior to launching her own practice, Jane was a senior manager at Grant Thornton LLP and a financial coach and e-advisor with CF Canada Financial. Throughout her career, she has established an outstanding reputation for developing staff, sharing knowledge, and encouraging skills development.

Since obtaining her designation in 2011, Jane has been well-known for her exceptional people skills and technical savvy, allowing for significant client and team growth. At Grant Thornton, she played a vital role in the education of aspiring CPAs and served as a module facilitator for the CPA Western School of Business; she consistently received top ratings from students for her generous commitment and support.

Jane extends that dedication to her community: she has served on the boards of numerous not-for-profit organizations, volunteered with the South Okanagan Youth Soccer Association, and in 2021 halved her rate for preparing tax returns for clients who donated to the local food bank.

“Jane is always more than willing to step up and be a role model and mentor, sharing her professionalism, knowledge, and truly supportive nature.”

Kelly Robertson, CPA
Partner
LONG-HAGGERTY
ROBERTSON

Distinguished Service **AWARD**

The CPABC Distinguished Service Award recognizes members who have been actively involved in activities as volunteers for many years for their dedication, commitment, and outstanding contributions to the CPA profession and/or for their unstinting support to one or more not-for-profit or charitable organizations.





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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Shares her insight with young leaders as a mentor with the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade's Leaders of Tomorrow Program.
- Guided RainCity Housing through service expansion, as well as COVID-19 and the opioid crisis.
- As a board director with the United Way of the Lower Mainland, provided insights on strategy and mergers.

Jennifer Cudlipp, CPA, CGA

Jennifer, chief operating officer at LifeLabs, displays a remarkable dedication to public service. Through her volunteerism she has greatly improved her community and the lives of those around her.

Jennifer has contributed to many community boards to advance their organizational purpose and improve the communities in which they serve. Compelled by their vision of a home for every person, she served as board chair of RainCity Housing and Support Society (2018-2021), guiding the charity through a complex time due to the rise of homelessness coupled with the opioid crisis and COVID-19. Her contributions to the development of a renewed five-year strategic plan led to significant growth and strengthened organizational infrastructure.

As a board director at the JIBC Foundation she provided critical guidance for the investment strategy and giving program (2016-2019). And at the United Way of the Lower Mainland her experience supported the successful merger that led to United Way British Columbia (2018-2021). She is currently a board director with Life Sciences BC, leading public policy initiatives that have strengthened the sector.

“Jennifer has been an exceptional leader and displays a calm, consistent, and inclusive presence. She is strategic and brave. Her passion for, and dedication to, her volunteerism is clear.”

Christine Little, CPA, CA
Vice-President of
Corporate Services
VANCOUVER
FOUNDATION



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Serves as a key source of cybersecurity education, resources, and best practices to the accounting profession.
- Guided government ministries to prepare for cyber challenges as a charter member of the BC government's Provincial Security Advisory Council (2017-present).
- Co-founded the BC Aware Campaign, a cybersecurity conference connecting business, government, and post-secondary institutions.

Edward Pereira, CPA, CGA

A principal consultant at Carmel Info-Risk Consulting Group, Edward provides advisory services to CPAs and their executive teams, in cybersecurity program leadership, enterprise IT risk, IT audit, and privacy.

He has volunteered his expertise by leading seminars with the Vancouver Chapter and Vancouver Technology Forum and contributed to the new CPA Competency Map in 2021. Edward is also an impactful volunteer with the BC government's Provincial Security Advisory Council, where he co-developed the council's mission and regularly shares key insights with other cyber leaders from across the province. He also mentors CPAs, promoting alternate career paths in IT through his work at ISACA (Information Systems Audit and Control Association) where he has been a board volunteer since 2011, including as chapter president.

Notably, Edward co-founded the BC Aware Campaign (now Vancouver International Privacy and Security Summit or VIPSS) in 2015. This achievement helped the chapter garner the Outstanding Chapter Achievement Award from ISACA International (2018). VIPSS now serves as a global platform for dialogue on cybersecurity and privacy issues.

“Edward’s passionate volunteerism and community outreach in cybersecurity highlight the broad scope of skills that CPAs can bring to the table.”

Magdalena Dytuco,
CPA, CGA

Certified Financial Planner
and Coach

DYTUCO FINANCIAL
SERVICES

Fellowship

The title of Fellow formally recognizes members who have earned distinction and brought honour to the profession by meeting at least two of the following criteria: exceptional service to the profession, extraordinary career achievements, and exemplary contributions to the community.





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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Has overseen a sales increase from \$5 billion to \$12.7 billion at The Jim Pattison Group.
- Received *Business in Vancouver's* Top Forty Under 40 Award (2009).
- Has provided key direction in governance, finance, and reporting as a board director with Canfor (2017-present) and Just Energy (2015-2017).

Ryan Barrington-Foote, FCPA, FCA

For over 20 years, Ryan has shaped the success of The Jim Pattison Group (JPG). Starting in 2001 as manager of taxation, he reorganized JPG's tax structure to produce significant efficiencies that were reinvested back into the company. A forward-looking leader, Ryan—as managing director of accounting (2009-2019) and president of Jim Pattison Lease (2018-2019)—implemented technologies to provide data-driven insights that advanced business growth.

Now JPG's executive vice-president, he leads finance professionals in 25 different operating companies. And as a trusted advisor to Jim Pattison, JPG's sole proprietor, he provides critical guidance on financial, people, and charitable matters. Ryan also promotes the CPA path to young people as a fulfilling and impactful career, and mentors CPAs working at JPG.

He has given back as treasurer and Finance Committee chair with Praxis Spinal Cord Institute, a not-for-profit that invests in spinal cord research (2010-2016). By improving financial planning, Ryan helped Praxis navigate funding challenges, enabling it to better achieve its mission to improve the lives of people living with spinal cord injuries.

“Ryan has achieved professional success thanks to his dedication to quality, integrity, and honesty. He is well respected by his peers and is known for being the person that everyone goes to for advice and guidance.”

Jim Pattison
Chairman and CEO
THE JIM PATTISON GROUP



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Fostered diversity as a member of PwC's BC Region Leadership Group, mentoring seven of the 10 female assurance partners at PwC today.
- As a board director, advanced CPABC's financial literacy and anti-money-laundering initiatives.
- Oversaw financial stewardship at Canuck Place Children's Hospice, including fundraising to build a children's hospice in Abbotsford.

Paul Challinor, FCPA, FCA

For nearly four decades, Paul contributed significantly to PwC's growth and people development. He worked for PwC in the UK and Australia before joining the Vancouver office in 1994, serving as assurance partner from 1997 until retiring in 2019.

As PwC's financial services leader in BC for over 15 years, Paul raised PwC's brand, winning many signature accounts, building a successful team, and developing the practice to deliver across business lines and provide outstanding service. Paul also mentored many colleagues to excellence through his focus on women in leadership and as a human resources partner. Since 2019, he has contributed his expertise to the boards of First West and Central 1 credit unions.

Paul has generously given back to the profession, serving as a CPABC board director where, as Audit Committee chair, he guided financial reporting processes; and currently, as an Investigation Committee member. Paul has also provided financial stewardship to the community as a director with the Delta Hospital and Community Health Foundation and Canuck Place Children's Hospice, and as an Audit Advisory Committee member with the Public Guardian and Trustee of British Columbia.

"Paul is an outstanding professional, a tremendous advocate for the profession, a key developer of talent, and a team player who acts with care and integrity."

Jim McGuigan, CPA, CA
BC Region Managing Partner
PWC
and
Kate Furber, CPA, CA
BC Region Assurance Partner
PWC



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Received the KPMG Impact Award in 2020 for supporting clients during COVID-19, and in 2021 for championing inclusion and mental health.
- Led KPMG to grow its NPO client base by more than 35% in the past five years by sourcing and winning the opportunity to work with high-profile and impactful NPOs.
- Provided oversight for several milestone funding agreements at the Terry Fox Research Institute.

Carol Chiang, FCPA, FCA

As an audit partner since 2006 and leader of KPMG’s not-for-profit (NPO) practice in Greater Vancouver, Carol (who started at KPMG in 1990) has built a reputation for excellence by providing quality assurance services, reporting and technical guidance, and insights to NPO organizations. Her expertise in working with her clients fosters long-term sustainability and growth, enabling NPO organizations to deliver critical services in areas including social services, health care, education, and the arts.

Carol advances professional development within the C-suite as coordinator of KPMG’s CommunityShift program, champions diversity on KPMG’s Women in Leadership group, and as one of the inaugural leaders of KPMG’s people management program, oversaw learning, performance, and recognition activities for 100 people.

Within the profession, Carol provides valued counsel, including as a member of CPABC’s Technical Advisory Committee (2015-2020).

A passionate volunteer, Carol is Finance and Audit Committee chair for the Terry Fox Research Institute (2019-present), where she has guided the establishment of its finance function and systems. With Minerva BC (2010-2020), she provided financial and strategic oversight as Finance Committee chair (2015-2020).

“Carol has given her best insights and judgement to ensure our organizational health to navigate what lies ahead. That gift has enabled our society to carry out its important work supporting over 12,000 clients a year and enabled us to carry on our social policy work.”

Shawn Bayes

CEO

ELIZABETH FRY SOCIETY
OF GREATER VANCOUVER



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Led B2Gold Corp to more than double gold production.
- Received the TopGun CFO award from Brendan Wood International for exceptional achievement as a CFO (2019).
- Mentored and sponsored PwC's first female equity partner in the mining industry.

Michael (Mike) Cinnamond, FCPA, FCA

Since 2013, Mike has been senior vice-president of finance, and CFO at Vancouver gold producer B2Gold Corp. With his direction, the company has seen remarkable growth, completing key acquisitions, bringing two new African mines into operation, and achieving record gold production.

Mike began his career at PwC, advancing to assurance partner and BC region resources leader (2004-2013). Under his leadership, the number of assurance partners within the mining practice increased from six to nine, and assurance mining revenues rose to 40 per cent of overall assurance revenues. A thought leader, he co-authored the PwC Mining Report (2003-2013), and as a champion of diversity he mentored in PwC's Women in Leadership program (2000-2013). Mike has also made impressive contributions to the Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy, and Petroleum (2001-2021), leading a campaign that raised \$2 million for the institute, and is now incoming president-elect.

Mike gives back with Canuck Place Children's Hospice (2014-present) as treasurer and Audit Committee chair, providing invaluable governance and financial oversight when the hospice moved to a two-site operational model.

"Mike demonstrates excellence in everything that he does, and because of his expertise and warm personality, he is able to attract, inspire, and engage others."

Mark Myles
Past Chair and
Board Member
CANUCK PLACE
CHILDREN'S HOSPICE



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Facilitated a donation enabling Guru Nanak's Free Kitchen to purchase a building to prepare and distribute daily meals for those in need.
- As a board advisor with the Pacific Autism Family Network, guided it to open a centre in 2016 that supports people on the autism spectrum.
- As board chair, led the Down Syndrome Research Foundation to be recognized as Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year by the Burnaby Board of Trade in 2014.

Victor Giacomini, FCPA, FCA

Victor began his career in 1982 with Deloitte, then took on senior finance roles at Future Shop Ltd., Avcorp Industries Inc., Norsat International Inc., and West Bay Semiconductor Inc.

In 2003, he joined The Mark Anthony Group of Companies (MAG) – a diversified, global beverage company. Now MAG's senior vice-president of finance and group treasurer, Victor is a key leader guiding its financial strategy and expansion. He has implemented financial planning and analysis systems that have helped fuel MAG's rapid growth and is instrumental in strategic transactions, including a major divestiture and various acquisitions.

Within the profession, Victor has shared his knowledge as a speaker with CPABC's CFO as Navigator program. He is also passionate about giving back to the local community. He helps guide and administer MAG's von Mandl Family Foundation's community involvement, which supports numerous community organizations in Canada and the United States. The vast scope of Victor's philanthropic endeavours includes working with the Pacific Autism Family Network, Breast Cancer Research Foundation, and Michael Cuccione Foundation, which supports childhood cancer research.

“Victor has a strong sense of dedication to the community and has consistently made a difference in the lives of thousands of people – without them knowing who he is or him ever looking to take any credit.”

The Honourable
Wally Oppal, OBC, QC
Past Attorney General
GOVERNMENT OF
BRITISH COLUMBIA



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Has developed and led the HSBC Bank Canada tax team to consistently provide excellent service and technical skills.
- Named to SFU's Faculty of Business Administration Teaching Honour Roll (1999-2000); received UBC's Teaching Excellence Award (1997).
- As president of ACT 2's board (2008-2014), established the social service agency's mission statement, vision, and leadership plan.

Grant Lee, FCPA, FCA

For almost 25 years, Grant has personified tax leadership at HSBC Bank Canada as assistant vice-president of taxation (1997-2007) and, since 2007, vice-president of taxation. He is responsible for all areas of tax at the organization—and central to tax advisory on major transactions, risk management, and audits.

Grant is respected for his outstanding ability to build trust, negotiate, and settle complex issues. He has safeguarded HSBC Bank Canada by managing its tax risk and raises the bar by sharing best practices, improving processes, and coaching team members to excellence. Also a gifted educator, Grant has taught tax at many post-secondary institutions and is an adjunct professor with UBC's Faculty of Commerce and Business Administration.

He shares his expertise with finance professionals across Canada—volunteering with the Tax Executives Institute, including as Canadian Income Tax Committee chair (2014-2016). Grant also gives back with ACT 2 Child and Family Services, a social service agency that supports people who have experienced trauma (2003-present). His critical policy direction and financial oversight have enabled ACT 2 to expand its support services.

“Grant has gone above and beyond as an educator and mentor to the next generation of accountants for over two decades. I can say with confidence that his passion for accounting and teaching has inspired me and countless other young accountants.”

David Tsai, CPA, CA
Director of Finance
BC NURSES' UNION



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Built KPMG's BC education practice into a market leader: today, over 25 of BC's 60 school boards are KPMG clients.
- Has led the recruiting, training, and mentoring of more than 150 CPA students at KPMG's Victoria office over the past 15 years.
- Received the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award from the University of Victoria (2017); received the Early Achievement Award from her legacy accounting body (2009).

Lenora Lee, FCPA, FCA

Lenora is a partner with KPMG's Victoria office. Known for consistently exceeding expectations, she has provided comprehensive expertise to KPMG's top Victoria clients since 2002. Lenora became the office's first female partner in 2011, laying a foundation for the future; today, four of the office's seven partners are women. She has also been a champion of equity, diversity, and inclusion, supporting and sponsoring many local initiatives.

Within the profession, she has contributed technical questions to the Public Sector Accounting Discussion Group (2017-present), advancing public sector accounting standards. With CPABC, she has served as chair of the Government Organizations Accounting and Auditing Forum (2017-present), hosted forums for senior executives, and shared her knowledge with CPAs as a presenter since 2009.

Lenora serves her community as a director with the Royal BC Museum (2020-present), a director with the Government Finance Officers Association of BC (2015-present), an ambassador with the University of Victoria (2002-present), and developed female entrepreneurs by leading financial bootcamps with the Women's Enterprise Centre (2016-2019).

“Whether mentoring CPA articling students, contributing to multiple women’s leadership initiatives, or creating talent pathways and supports, Lenora generously shares her insights, experiences, and guidance with future finance professionals.”

Randy Decksheimer,
FCPA, FCA

Retired Office
Managing Partner

KPMG CANADA



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Benita Loughlin, FCPA, FCA

A partner at KPMG’s Vancouver office, Benita joined the firm in 1986 and has led its global mobility services tax group since 1995. A pioneer in this field, she has resolved numerous complex cross-border issues, many for the first time, and established important precedents that are now followed nationwide.

Benita has played a vital role at KPMG, serving on its national board (2014-2020), including as vice-chair where she contributed to the firm’s Canada-wide strategy, and coaching senior talent to excellence as a member of the Senior Manager Development Committee for over a decade. And as co-editor of the KPMG guide *Tax Planning for You and Your Family*, she has increased tax knowledge in the general public.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Respected as one of Canada’s pre-eminent experts on cross-border tax planning and compliance.
- Led efforts to turn KPMG’s global mobility services (GMS) tax services line into a standalone practice, and grew the practice in Vancouver into a team of over 20 cross-border tax specialists serving 1,000 clients.
- Has advanced thought leadership on GMS provincially and nationally as a speaker, educator, and author since 1986.

Benita has made a significant impact on the accounting profession as a passionate teacher and mentor for 30-plus years. She has also brought her extensive skills to community organizations, volunteering with the Estate Planning Council of Vancouver (2014-2020), including as president, and the Tri-Cities Chamber of Commerce (1991-1997), including as president.

“Benita is amazing to work with. She is responsive, highly organized, creative, ethical, unflappable, polite, and beloved by clients. I could not have managed many complex cases without her valuable input.”

Elaine Reynolds, QC
Board Chair
COAST MENTAL HEALTH
FOUNDATION



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Advanced knowledge in Indigenous tax nationwide, including as a contributing editor to KPMG's *Indigenous & Canadian Tax* guide, a resource used by Indigenous peoples and firms across Canada.
- Served as a commodity tax specialist and resource for KPMG's Northern BC offices for the GST, PST, and Employer Health Tax.
- Has volunteered his leadership to many NPOs on tax-related matters for over 30 years.

Stanley (Stan) Mitchell, FCPA, FCA

A tax leader with KPMG's Prince George office, Stan has stayed at the forefront of his field by learning about the newest regulations and taxes as they arise and discerning how best to meet client objectives. He began his career with KPMG in 1985, served as partner in charge of the Prince George tax practice from 2011 until retiring in 2021, and is now a contractor with the firm.

Stan is well-known for his technical leadership, problem-solving, and dedicated mentorship. He has provided tax expertise to his community on diverse topics including estate planning, compliance, and business succession. Also a specialist on Indigenous tax, Stan interpreted fiscal and taxation aspects of contemporary treaties to advise Indigenous clients.

Stan has also served extensively with CPABC, acting as a spokesperson and contributor to CPABC's *BC Check-Up* (2006-present) and participating in CRA liaison meetings on behalf of CPABC.

A generous community volunteer since 1986, he currently lends his financial knowledge to the Canada North Resources Expo (2004-present), Canadian Bioeconomy Conference and Exhibition (2011-present), and assists local media in reporting on economic-related events.

"Stan leads by example to guide, encourage, and challenge others to look for new solutions or alternatives and to not accept the status quo. He has never been intimidated in taking on new challenges, including those that no one else would."

J Peter Ranson, FCPA,
FCA

Retired Partner
KPMG CANADA



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LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Led TELUS' COVID-19 financial response plan, enabling a \$150-million commitment to support COVID-19 relief efforts across Canada.
- Enhanced board diversity and skills as a member of CPABC's Board Renewal Committee (2017-2018).
- Coached and developed his leadership team and delivered global top decile engagement scores for five years running (2017-present).

Matthew (Matt) Murray, FCPA, FCMA

Matt joined TELUS in 2006 and quickly rose through the ranks: he was promoted to senior vice-president and corporate controller in 2021. Matt's use of analytics and proactive planning has transformed TELUS' corporate reporting and allowed it to consistently achieve financial targets.

Known for innovation, Matt led TELUS' evolution of wireless subscriber reporting in 2019—a precursor to segmentation changes announced in 2020. In 2020, he established a COVID-19 financial response plan that enabled TELUS to achieve its original target for free cash flow while maintaining capital investments. He also played a leadership role to simplify the company's scorecard program, which measures business performance, to focus on key strategic objectives.

Matt has played a leadership role within the profession since 2008. As a board director with CPABC (2014-2015; 2017-2020), he ensured strategic initiatives resonated with members. He has shared his knowledge with fellow CPAs as a speaker, served as a board/chapter liaison, leads TELUS' CPA pre-approved training program, and educates future business leaders as a guest lecturer with UBC Sauder (2006-present).

“Matt’s eagerness to learn, challenge the status quo, and take on new challenges differentiates him from all his peers. His potential is endless and he will, without a doubt, continue to excel.”

Barbara Man-Fung
Chiu, CPA, CA, CMA

Vice-President Finance
Revenue Assurance

TELUS



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Carolyn Rogers, FCPA, FCMA

Carolyn was appointed senior deputy governor of the Bank of Canada in 2021 and has personified financial leadership throughout her career. From 2019-2021, she served as secretary general of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, a Swiss-based group that sets global banking standards, where she worked with the chair and committee and led staff in addressing risks to the financial system, including cyber-threats, climate change, and the impacts of COVID-19.

Previously—as assistant superintendent of Canada’s Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (2016-2019)—Carolyn oversaw the policy functions and led improvements to mortgage underwriting and corporate governance guidelines. And as superintendent and CEO of the Financial Institutions Commission of British Columbia (2010-2016), she modernized BC’s regulations of credit unions, insurers, mortgage brokers, and realtors.

Carolyn has advanced the profession through her work on the IFRS Foundation’s International Financial Reporting Standards Advisory Council (2019-2022) and the Accounting Standards Oversight Council. In the community, she has championed care for vulnerable adults as a board member with Three Links Care Society (2013-2016) and fostered female leadership with Minerva BC (2008-2011).

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Contributes to Canada’s economic well-being as the senior deputy governor of the Bank of Canada.
- During COVID-19, led the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision’s Secretariat to develop policy responses to ensure the global banking system would remain resilient.
- Received the PEAK Award from the Association of Women in Finance (2016) and Canada’s Top 40 Under 40 from Caldwell Partners (2007).

“Carolyn’s contributions have had a uniquely wide impact; this has had a positive influence on the reputation of CPAs, and Canada’s reputation at the international level. She has also provided inspiration to young women to pursue careers in economics and finance.”

Carolyn A Wilkins
 External Member
 BANK OF ENGLAND’S
 FINANCIAL POLICY
 COMMITTEE
 and
 Board Director
 INTACT FINANCIAL
 CORPORATION



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Ray Walia, FCPA, FCMA

Ray has been integral to the growth of BC’s startup community through his efforts to develop a vital ecosystem of peers, investors, and mentors. He has been CEO of Launch Ventures (LV) since 2018, providing pivotal support to BC’s startup community through a network of accelerators, innovation labs, and investment funds. Through LV, Ray contributes to BC’s economic prosperity by enabling entrepreneurs to successfully launch ventures and create new jobs in new markets.

Since 2012, Ray has also served as CEO of Launch Academy (LA)—a technology hub, incubator, and accelerator that supports entrepreneurs. Under Ray’s leadership, LA has helped 300 startups grow to the seed funding or series A financing stages. As COO of Victory Square Technologies Inc. (2016-2018), he shaped the venture fund’s portfolio of companies focused on AI, augmented and virtual reality, and blockchain. Ray’s accomplishments were recognized in 2021 when he was named to *Business in Vancouver’s* BC500, which recognizes influential business leaders.

A mentor to many, Ray has modelled a non-traditional career path for CPAs as well as participated in CPABC’s economic roundtables and branding campaigns.

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Advanced BC’s augmented and virtual reality (ARVR) sector by developing a dedicated ARVR facility in Vancouver (2018).
- Co-founded Traction Conference to bring together investors and fast-growing companies (2015).
- Has helped over 100 international startups from 27 countries expand and grow into Canada through the Canadian Start-Up Visa Program.

“Ray has worked on initiatives that defined and strengthened BC’s tech sector. He has also guided dozens of industry startups, building a space where they could land and grow a business. His company, Launch Academy, has been at the heart of one of Canada’s fastest-growing ecosystems and continues to influence its future.”

Pamela Saunders
 Director of Communications
 and Engagement
 MICROSOFT VANCOUVER

Lifetime Achievement **AWARD**

The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes the exceptional dedication, commitment, and extraordinary contributions of those members who have received their Fellowship and since then have continued to attain significant achievements in a broad range of areas.





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Olin Anton, FCPA, FCA

Olin has played a substantial role in the reputational growth of the accounting profession throughout his career. Now a retired partner with Deloitte, he worked with the firm from 2002-2016, including as BC audit leader (2004-2014) where he led phenomenal growth. Previously, Olin served with predecessor firm Arthur Andersen (1976-2002), as partner and audit practice leader. He is currently a board director at TELUS International Inc.

Olin (elected to fellowship in 2014) has rendered tremendously impactful volunteerism for over three decades that has created a stronger accounting profession. His distinctive service is anchored in an

LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Led CPABC as its inaugural board chair in 2015.
- Played a pivotal role in the unification of the accounting profession and the successful establishment of CPABC.
- Through over three decades of volunteering, created a stronger profession that is well-regarded in BC and across Canada.

ability to develop strong relationships based on trust and collaboration. Key roles include serving as board director with his legacy body (2011-2015), chairing CPABC's Board Renewal Committee to identify future leaders (2016-2017), and contributing his leadership to the CPA Western School of Business (2016-present), where he helped in the transition to a new governance structure. During unification, Olin's remarkable service as the inaugural CPABC board chair brought about the successful integration of BC's legacy bodies. He also provided leadership to CPABC as its interim president and CEO in 2017.

In his community, Olin has shared his strategic, financial, and fundraising skills with many organizations, including the United Way, Vancouver Academy of Music, and Vancouver Enterprise Forum. Since 2017, he has been a board director with the Vancouver Public Library Foundation, guiding it through COVID-19, leading changes in accounting systems, and modernizing bylaws, and presently serves as chair. He also serves as vice-chair of JA British Columbia, advancing its mission to provide young people with tools for work readiness, financial literacy, and entrepreneurship.

“It is very easy to see the care and passion that Olin has for the profession. He has spent countless hours volunteering in support of his legacy body and CPABC. His commitment and dedication are second to none.”

David Hallinan, FCPA, FCMA
Planning and Procurement Manager
CITY OF KAMLOOPS

CPABC Member Recognition Program

Every year, CPABC calls for peer nominations for the following member recognition awards:
Early Achievement, Distinguished Service,
Fellowship, and Lifetime Achievement.

In doing so, CPABC is seeking to identify those members making a significant impact in their organization, the broader business community, charitable and community organizations, and the CPA profession.

Members going above and beyond the norm,
who set the standard for excellence.

To learn more about the program and how to
nominate a deserving CPA, visit our website:
bccpa.ca/member-services/recognition-program



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