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Congratulations!



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It gives me great pleasure to celebrate the 25 individuals whose remarkable achievements are detailed in the 2018-19 edition of CPABC's *Member Recognition Supplement*.

Within the accounting profession, their places of work, and their communities, the honourees of CPABC's Member Recognition Program have made outstanding contributions. They are leaders, change-makers, strategists, and trusted advisors who bring honour and distinction to our profession.

Our 2018-19 honourees serve as an inspiration, both to those who work in the accounting sector and to the greater public. Whether transforming an organization or mentoring a colleague, the individuals you will read about in the following pages demonstrate that there is no limit to the positive change, innovation, and business success that our members can achieve.

Honourees, my congratulations to each of you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B Macdonald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "M".

Barry Macdonald, FCPA, FCA, CPABC Board Chair

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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Early Achievement Award



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Matthew Anderson, CPA, CA

An innovative, driven, and strategic leader, Matthew is the chief executive officer and co-founder of A&K Robotics in Vancouver. Launched in 2015, A&K Robotics develops autonomous vehicle systems for indoor environments. Under his leadership, the company has grown from three founders to over 20 employees and secured international capital investment, enabling it to progress to producing commercial products. He has also established research collaborations with post-secondary institutions including UBC and SFU to provide career-building work experience for students in the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

Previously, Matthew was chief financial officer of Arbutus Medical, a startup that produces medical devices. He was part of a team that won Google's Global Startup Battle in 2014 by designing ConceptKicker, a platform that converted 2D concepts to 3D models using 3D-printing technology. He was also a financial analyst with Rio Tinto in Yellowknife, and a part-time accounting instructor at Yellowknife's Aurora College. He obtained his designation in 2011 in Alberta.

Matthew's achievements have raised the visibility of the profession in BC's startup and tech communities. In his speaking engagements, he always promotes the diverse opportunities available to CPAs in the tech industry.

Matthew has been a guest mentor at Hatching Health, a competition that brings students and young professionals together to solve technical problems in health care. He also served as a director with the Vancouver Maker Foundation and the Northwest Territories Disabilities Council.



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Judy Hoang, CPA, CA

A confident, collaborative, and forward-thinking leader, Judy is the operations controller at Ledcor Group in Vancouver.

Upon joining Ledcor as a senior accountant in 2014, she was quickly recognized for advancing many business processes through innovative solutions. In her current role, Judy supports the business in strategic decisions and has established a strong reputation for leading and developing teams that are engaged and recognized as star performers. In addition, she developed and facilitates in-house training as part of a leadership curriculum at Ledcor, elevating the financial acumen of its employees.

Judy obtained her designation in 2009 in BC and began her career at Deloitte in the audit and advisory practice, where she led teams that served clients in diverse industries.

An advocate for the CPA designation, Judy promotes career opportunities to colleagues and young professionals. Having coached numerous accounting teams for business case competitions and participated in recruitment activities at post-secondary institutions, she is dedicated to raising the profile of the profession and continues to mentor CPA candidates.

Judy is a passionate and committed volunteer, serving for over a decade as the treasurer on the board of Stanley Park Ecology Society, a non-profit charity that promotes respect for the natural world. She implemented a quarterly financial review process, developed a compensation model, and continues to help the board make decisions related to capital expenditures and budgets that are instrumental in the growth of the Society.

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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Distinguished Service Award



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Caroline Andrewes, CPA, CMA

An executive leader with more than 20 years of experience in multinational companies, Caroline is the president and chief executive officer of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies British Columbia, located in Vancouver. As a professional and as a volunteer, she excels at leading teams, formulating strategic plans, and evaluating and improving business processes.

Previously, Caroline was an independent consultant and the director, risk management with Creation Technologies, an electronics manufacturer.

Since 2006, Caroline has volunteered with Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia (EGBC), the regulatory and

governing body for BC's professional engineers and geoscientists. From 2017 to 2018, she served as EGBC's president, choosing to rebalance her own employment commitments to serve the organization and volunteering approximately 1,000 hours with EGBC.

Through her outstanding service, she improved the organization's practices and quality of work, and ensured the association fulfilled its mandate to protect the public interest. She also helped EGBC navigate changes to corporate regulation.

Caroline continues to lend her financial expertise to EGBC as its past president, a member of its Executive Committee, and chair of its Governance and Nominating committees. She is respected as an open and collaborative leader and an advocate for gender parity.

Caroline engages with her profession as a member of CPABC's Management Forum, sharing her knowledge on supervisory and managerial issues, and has also participated in CPABC's Young Professionals Forum.

Distinguished Service Award



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Robert (Bob) Holden, CPA, CA

Bob is known for his willingness to share his time and expertise, and for promoting community spirit. His career includes serving as a partner at KPMG LLP's Kamloops office, as chief financial officer at Pinnacle Renewable Energy Ltd., and today, as an associate investment advisor at BMO Nesbitt Burns.

Bob's volunteerism in Kamloops has been extraordinary. His efforts have helped numerous organizations, events, and people to succeed. His passion for sports led him to coach the 1982 Canadian Junior Women's curling team, and then to volunteer as vice-president of finance for the 1993 Canada Games, and as vice-chair of the 1996 Labatt

Brier. His work on the Canada Games and the Labatt Brier left Kamloops with operating profits and outstanding capital legacies, helped it attract future sporting events, and led to the city being known as the Tournament Capital of Canada.

As Bob's business expertise developed, his volunteer activities extended to many community organizations in the Kamloops area, including Thompson Rivers University where he helped establish the alumni association, fundraised for a successful capital campaign to upgrade the university's library, and sat on the board of governors. Bob was also a founding member of the North Thompson Relief Fund, which raised millions to support residents affected by the 2003 wildfires.

Bob is a dedicated volunteer with his profession. For more than 35 years he has mentored CPAs in industry and public practice and promoted the profession to high school and university students.



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Leigh Sindlinger, CPA, CGA

Leigh is recognized within her community as a passionate educator who inspires young people to be financially savvy.

She is currently a senior analyst at Kal Tire in Vernon and a part-time professor with the Okanagan College School of Business. Previously, she was a regional finance manager with the Government of British Columbia.

Through CPA Canada's Financial Literacy Program, Leigh has volunteered as a financial literacy educator for several years. She has delivered more than 100 financial literacy workshops in Okanagan schools for students in Grades 3 to 12, helping young people

learn valuable financial skills – such as budgeting, saving, and managing credit – that they can use throughout their lives. Her sessions are so well received by students that the demand for financial literacy sessions in local schools has increased significantly.

Leigh is also a member of CPA Canada's Speakers Bureau. Her strong presentation skills led to her being selected in 2018 as a CPA Canada representative in Western Canada for media engagements. As a respected and active speaker on financial literacy matters, Leigh increases awareness of CPAs as subject matter experts and professionals who foster financial health.

Leigh also serves as the treasurer and accountant and payroll officer for the Vernon Figure Skating Club, and has been a board director with the North Okanagan Cycling Society, an organization that advocates for local cyclists.



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Vickie Whitehead, CPA, CGA

For over 20 years, Vickie has provided leadership to First Nations across Canada. As a director with Deloitte Canada, she leads the firm's Indigenous Wealth Services in BC and the North. Passionate about the power of diversity, she is a regional co-leader for the firm's inclusion program.

Before joining Deloitte, she managed program planning and implementation with Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada.

Active within her profession, Vickie is a member of the CPABC Bylaws Committee, contributing to the strength of CPABC's governing documentation and code of professional conduct. Her

ability to quickly grasp the broader implications of a bylaw change adds remarkable value to her role as an advisor to the board of directors on proposed amendments.

She is a dedicated volunteer and leader in the community and has mentored other indigenous women formally and informally. As vice-chair of the National Aboriginal Trust Officers Association (NATOA), she helps the charity provide First Nations with the resources to create and operate trusts, and she has improved NATOA's financial management through an annual budgeting process and expenditure approval process.

Vickie also chaired an advisory group for AFOA Canada, a not-for-profit organization that supports First Nations with training and professional development to foster finance skills, served on the board of directors of AFOA BC, and was recently elected to the AFOA Canada board by her peers.

Distinguished Service Award



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Christine Woodington, CPA, CGA

Christine is a corporate accountant for Coal Island Ltd., a private company that manages forestry, real estate, and transportation entities. Previously, she was an accountant in the restaurant and retail sectors.

A volunteer with both the CPABC Richmond/South Delta Chapter and the Vancouver Chapter, Christine inspires others to volunteer and give back to the profession. With her infectious enthusiasm and dedication, she promotes the profession and provides guidance and information to prospective students as a CPA Ambassador.

As a member of the CPA Mentorship Program and through her involvement with the Vancouver Chapter, Christine mentors future CPAs and supports them in achieving the designation. She has also supported future CPAs by successfully advocating that surplus chapter funds be used to provide scholarships.

During the unification of the Canadian accounting profession, Christine was a member of the inaugural CPABC Vancouver Chapter board. In this role, she helped to successfully transition three legacy chapters into a single unified chapter.

As a volunteer with Langara College, Christine shares her financial and accounting expertise with young professionals as an event speaker and panel participant. Known as an experienced and talented mentor, she was one of seven alumni asked to participate in a mentorship program piloted by Langara's Co-operative Education Program. She has also been a mentor with the SFU Beedie Mentors in Business Program.

FELLOWSHIP

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



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Roger Bissoondatt, FCPA, FCA, FCMA

Roger is respected by his peers as an open and ethical leader. As chief financial officer for the BC Liquor Distribution Branch (BCLDB) in Vancouver, he is known for his ability to work with diverse stakeholders and to balance public-policy initiatives and private-sector interests.

His financial leadership has successfully stewarded the BCLDB through major initiatives, including the implementation of a new wholesale pricing model and the separation of the BCLDB’s financial operations into retail and wholesale units to increase transparency and ensure financial efficiency. With Canada’s legalization of non-medical

cannabis, and the BCLDB being appointed as the sole wholesale distributor and public retailer of non-medical cannabis, Roger established the financial management and control systems to support this new line of business.

Highly regarded in his field, Roger received a BC CFO Award in 2017 from *Business in Vancouver* for his financial leadership.

Roger obtained his designations in 1984 in BC. He began his career with Grant Thornton LLP and joined the BCLDB in 1991 as chief auditor. Throughout his career, he has served as an ambassador for the profession, mentoring young business professionals and promoting the CPA designation.

Roger is also a passionate community volunteer who has supported many organizations through service that spans over 30 years. He is currently a board member with Columbus Residence, a not-for-profit society that provides services in complex care and dementia. Since 1985 he has also provided leadership as a head organizer for the Burnaby Youth Custody Services Centre’s annual Christmas dinner. Roger’s efforts have helped at-risk youth feel cared for and less isolated during the holidays.

Concurrently, he has served with the Knights of Columbus, mentoring council members and sharing his financial expertise. He is a member and volunteer with the board of FEI Canada, a network of business professionals. He also participates in the annual Movember campaign to raise awareness of men’s health issues.



Photo courtesy of KPMG LLP

Starr Carson, FCPA, FCA

Starr has a unique ability to convey technical information in a clear and engaging way. An authority on tax planning for Canadian private companies and their owners, he is the office managing partner at KPMG LLP's Kamloops office and a partner in the firm's tax practice.

Known for his leadership, collaborative working style, and business acumen, he has helped guide KPMG locally and nationally on strategic planning, business planning, and partnership matters (including their most recent CEO search) as well as through his service as a board director with KPMG Canada from 2012 to 2018.

Starr began his career as a staff accountant with Price Waterhouse in Vancouver in 1987, and quickly progressed to the role of manager. He obtained his designation in 1992 in BC, and in 1993 relocated to Kamloops, where he joined KPMG as a senior manager. He became a partner with the firm in 1997.

As a dedicated instructor and mentor, Starr has contributed to the education and career development of many young accounting and business professionals. He has lectured extensively, including teaching his national legacy body's In-Depth Tax Course, presenting at annual tax conferences, and leading study groups and tutorials. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of the School of Business and Economics at Thompson Rivers University, where he provides input on curriculum development, stakeholder engagement, and fundraising. He has also been a guest lecturer on various matters at the university since 1998.

Starr is recognized as a community leader who inspires other professionals to give back. His volunteerism has included serving as treasurer with UNICEF BC and fulfilling various roles and providing advisory assistance with Thompson Rivers University and the Royal Inland Hospital Foundation. He has also served as a head coach with both the Kamloops Minor Hockey Association and the Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association.



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Carlo De Mello, FCPA, FCA

Carlo is a partner and business unit leader for KPMG LLP's audit practice in the Greater Vancouver Area and leads the firm's financial services practice in Western Canada. Overseeing more than 500 professionals across six offices, his commitment to exceptional client service has led to leadership roles serving some of KPMG's largest clients and election to the firm's partnership board.

Carlo obtained his designation in 1995 in BC after having joined KPMG as an intern, then as an articling student. He spent five years with KPMG in the UK, serving in increasingly senior roles within the financial services practice in London, before returning to Vancouver in 2000.

Recognizing the importance of building a diverse team and attracting top talent, Carlo was the firm's campus recruiting and human resources partner from 2008 to 2012. He also served as its national director for credit unions from 2006 to 2014. His expertise in advising credit unions in BC and nationally helped KPMG become the leading auditor of credit unions – KPMG currently audits seven of the 10 largest credit unions in BC.

Carlo is also an active contributor to the accounting profession. He co-presents at the Institute of Corporate Directors' Education Program and regularly speaks about the CPA profession at post-secondary institutions.

In addition to his business leadership roles locally and nationally, Carlo volunteers in his community. He has served as a member of the board of directors of the KPMG Foundation, which supports local impact initiatives. Through this role Carlo has been able to forge strong corporate and personal relationships with a number of community organizations, in particular the Union Gospel Mission.

As a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish, Carlo is an active contributor to his family's neighbourhood and community. He has also served as a member of the board of directors of Vancouver College, an independent school.



Photo courtesy of BCMEA

Terry Duggan, FCPA, FCGA

An inclusive leader with a clear vision, Terry has been president and chief executive officer of the British Columbia Maritime Employers Association (BC-MEA) in Vancouver since 2016. He leads 80 employees in delivering training, safety, labour relations, and recruitment services to 54 waterfront employers, and by extension, the 6,000 longshore workers at BC's ports.

Terry currently spearheads BCMEA 2035, the organization's long-term strategic plan. Under his direction, initiatives such as the implementation of a performance-based employee development and compensation plan have increased member and employee engagement.

As BCMEA's vice-president of finance and information systems, he helped negotiate an eight-year collective agreement with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. The collective agreement created a period of labour peace that had a positive impact on BC's ports, with growth in longshore work opportunities increasing by 45% during those years.

Terry joined BCMEA in 1987, having previously worked as a controller with Williams Machinery and Geac Computer Corporation. He obtained his designation in 1978 in BC.

Outside of BCMEA, Terry contributes his expertise as a board director with the Business Council of BC, where his inclusive style and strategic vision have had a profound influence on labour and taxation policies. Terry has also made significant contributions to his profession as a trustee with his provincial legacy body's education foundation, as a board member and chair with his legacy chapter, and as his chapter's high school liaison. For his extraordinary service at the chapter level, Terry received the J.M. Macbeth Award of Merit from his legacy body in 1990.

Terry has given back to his community as a volunteer for more than 30 years. He has served as a leader with Scouts Canada, as chair of St. Michael's Parish Project Advance, which raises funds to support parish and diocesan capital projects, and as a council member with the Knights of Columbus.



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Divyesh (Dave) Gadhia, FCPA, FCA

A thoughtful, constructive leader with exceptional people skills, Dave is the executive chairman of The Stars Group, a Toronto-based publicly traded company that owns a variety of online gaming brands. He has led the company's significant growth, and in 2018 oversaw three international acquisitions, doubling the company's size to a value of over \$10 billion.

Prior to The Stars Group he spent more than a decade with Gateway Casinos, progressing from chief financial officer to president to chief executive officer, and finishing as executive vice-chair. Gateway experienced considerable change during this period, and Dave provided strong leadership, including guiding the recruit-

ment and mentorship of new senior management. Under his direction, the company saw significant growth and an accompanying increase in shareholder value. He then played an instrumental role in Gateway's successful sale. Dave has also served on numerous boards, including those of SPUD.ca, and Sensible Organics Inc.

In recognition of his accomplishments within the gaming industry, Dave received the Canadian Gaming Association's Industry Leadership and Outstanding Contribution Award in 2009.

Dave began his career at Price Waterhouse as an articling student and progressed to the role of senior associate. He obtained his designation in 1989 in BC. He contributed to the profession as a member of his provincial legacy body's Members in Industry Committee.

A passionate community leader, Dave shares his financial and business knowledge with the many organizations he supports. For 30 years, he has given back to Simon Fraser University's students and programs, including as a supporter of the Friends of Simon initiative, which provides literacy tutoring services for young people, particularly new Canadians.

He also served as a board director with Vancouver Opera and the Burnaby Hospital Foundation. In addition, he co-chaired the BC Children's Hospital's outreach campaign to the South Asian community, which raised funds to build an interventional radiology room.



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Kenneth (Ken) Laloge, FCPA, FCA

Ken's integrity, desire to help others improve, and level of engagement are the hallmarks of his career. As a partner and leader with Crowe MacKay LLP's tax practice in Kelowna, he has led the firm's team of tax practitioners for over two decades and increased the range of tax services they provide to corporate clients. He has twice served as the firm-wide tax leader, and reviewed and recommended changes to the firm's structure.

Ken joined Crowe MacKay after six years with Price Waterhouse, where he first served as a tax specialist, then as a tax manager. He obtained his designation in 1980 in Alberta.

As a respected advisor and educator, he makes significant contributions to the profession through knowledge sharing with his peers. Ken has been a tax and accounting instructor in BC and across Canada since 1982, including with his provincial legacy body's school of accounting. As a member of his national legacy body's Tax Education Task Force, he helped develop CPA Canada's In-Depth Tax Course and other national advanced tax courses. He currently serves on CPA Canada's Small and Medium Practitioner Tax Committee, where he advises on improving the administrative tax system.

Ken's contributions outside of the profession include serving on the Appeals Advisory Committee with the Canada Revenue Agency's predecessor organization and appearing before hearings on cross-border taxation. Additionally, he was a government-appointed council member with Engineers and Geoscientists British Columbia, the regulatory and governing body for BC's professional engineers and geoscientists, from 2013 to 2018.

Ken also gives back to the community. He is a 35-year member of the Rotary Club; his leadership roles include his current service as treasurer of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Foundation. His achievements have been recognized with a Vocational Service Leadership Award from the Rotary Club of Kelowna. Ken has also served in executive administration roles with youth sports teams and Scouts Canada.



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Nancy McKenzie, FCPA, FCA

A collaborative leader who mentors diverse, high-performing teams, Nancy contributes her expertise as a corporate director with Coast Capital Savings and as a governor and Finance Committee chair with the University of British Columbia.

Nancy retired in 2017 after serving for 12 years as the chief financial officer of Seaspan ULC in Vancouver. Admired as a strategic thinker who can successfully develop and execute business plans across different operational areas, she played an instrumental role in both the shipyard and marine transportation aspects of the business.

In 2010, she was part of the executive team that led Seaspan's successful bid to build vessels for the Government of Canada's federal fleet. Nancy also led procurement and financing activities on significant capital projects including the modernization of the Vancouver Shipyards. *Business in Vancouver* recognized Nancy with a BC CFO Award in the transformation agent category in 2012.

Before her progression through senior roles at Seaspan, Nancy held positions in manufacturing and distribution businesses, and was a founding partner with McKenzie & McKenzie Chartered Accountants. She obtained her designation in Ontario in 1991, after placing on the provincial honour roll.

Her service to the profession has been motivated by a desire to help new candidates succeed. At high school and post-secondary career events, Nancy explains the requirements of the designation and promotes the profession. A dedicated volunteer, she also provided exam support as a mentor, instructor, author, and tutor with her provincial and national legacy bodies for many years.

Nancy also brings her leadership skills to her community. Over the past decade, she's been a team manager with the West Vancouver Minor Hockey Association and West Vancouver Soccer Club, and in 2018, she was host chair for the BC Hockey Midget Provincial Championships, partnering with the Canucks to host tournament events at Rogers Arena and allow participants from across the province to connect with team members.



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Cathy McLay, FCPA, FCMA

Cathy's business acumen and reputation as an exceptional leader are well known, including her accomplishments as TransLink's chief financial officer and executive vice-president of finance and corporate services.

Before retiring from this role in 2017, she led TransLink's negotiations with the province to reach a funding agreement for the construction of the Evergreen Line, oversaw implementation of the Compass automated fare collection system, and negotiated Canada's first province-wide transit pass program for post-secondary institutions, increasing access to affordable transportation for students. As acting chief executive officer

from 2015 to 2016, she focused on improving relationships with stakeholders and elected officials while continuing to execute her responsibilities as CFO.

Prior to joining TransLink, Cathy was the general manager of Canadian Forest Products' Vancouver office. After obtaining her designation in 1991 in BC, she joined Canadian Forest Products as a regional controller, then moved to Howe Sound Pulp and Paper as a corporate controller.

Always ready to give back to the profession, Cathy was a speaker and resource for CPA Canada's project to address risk management and business performance in the context of climate change. She continues to volunteer as a speaker, showcasing the expertise of CPAs.

In the community, Cathy contributes her expertise as a board director with the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Insurance Corporation of British Columbia, Coast Mountain Bus Company, and Providence Health Care. Cathy is also a speaker and mentor with the Women's Infrastructure Network. A supporter of the United Way of the Lower Mainland, she sponsored the United Way's partnership project with TransLink – Every Pass Helps – that provides transit passes to vulnerable families.

Cathy was named one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women by Women's Executive Network, recognized by *Business in Vancouver* with a BC CFO Award in the transformation agent category, and received the Peak Award for Excellence in the Public Sector from the Association of Women in Finance.



Submitted

Jennie Moushos, FCPA, FCA, FCMA

Recognized by her peers as a person of great integrity who is eager to accept new challenges, Jennie now devotes her energy to serving her community as a corporate director.

Before retiring in 2018, Jennie was senior vice-president of the Western division of Intact Insurance in Vancouver. She led the company's entry into new markets, and launched Intact's line of automobile insurance in BC.

Jennie moved through progressively senior roles with Intact, and its predecessor AXA Canada, after first joining the company as a senior manager.

Earlier in her career, she worked in the public sector as a senior examiner with the Office of the Superintendent of Financial Institutions (OSFI) in Montreal, with a mandate to ensure the integrity of Canada's financial system. At OSFI, she was part of a team that developed a national reporting system for federally regulated financial institutions, a system that is still used by OSFI. For her exceptional contribution to the effectiveness of public service, she was honoured with the Government of Canada's Public Service Award of Excellence.

Jennie began her career in Montreal with accounting firm Zittler Sibling Stein Levine as an auditor and professional development co-ordinator. She obtained her designations in 1986 (CA) and 1988 (CMA) in Quebec.

Throughout her career, Jennie mentored and coached aspiring accountants. She taught accounting courses through Concordia's Continuing Education Department and was part of the task force that developed BCIT's General Insurance and Risk Management program.

A dedicated volunteer, Jennie is currently a director with Bridges to Community Canada, a charity that supports Nicaraguan communities impacted by poverty.

Jennie also volunteers with SOS Children's Villages Canada, a charity that supports orphaned children. She implemented reporting and governance procedures and established a strategic plan that increased fundraising revenues. Jennie also raised funds in support of cancer research with the Women in Insurance Cancer Crusade.

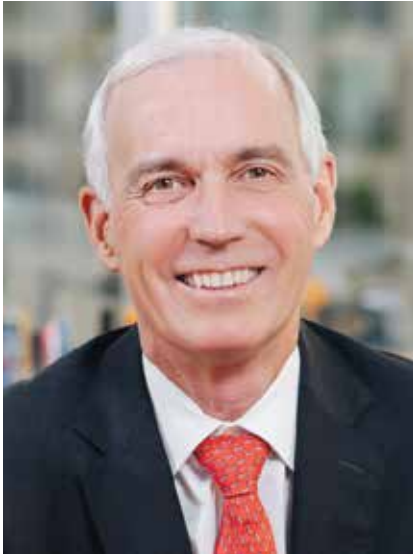


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Steven Reed, FCPA, FCA

Steven leads the management and operation of the tax services division at Manning Elliott LLP in Vancouver. Under his guidance, the division has grown from one tax professional to a team of 25 working across four offices. As part of Manning Elliott's Executive Committee, he has contributed to the firm's strategic, operational, and business planning, and to the firm's growth through mergers and acquisitions. Recognized for his expertise and high professional standards, he is also known for his ongoing dedication to mentoring and developing staff and aspiring partners.

Steven began his career as a senior tax accountant and tax manager with Deloitte Haskins & Sells. He moved to Manning Jamison (now Manning Elliott LLP) as a senior tax manager before becoming a tax partner in 1993. He obtained his designation in 1981 in BC.

For over 30 years, Steven has given tax presentations to special interest groups and businesses, and raised awareness of CPAs as subject matter experts among the public and business community. He was also a dedicated instructor and tutorial leader with his national and provincial legacy bodies.

Alongside his commitment to the profession, he has an equal passion for the sport of soccer. Steven has been active in the sport for more than 50 years as a player, coach, and administrator. As president of the Canadian Soccer Association, he played an integral role in securing the United 2026 FIFA Men's World Cup for the host nations of Canada, the United States, and Mexico. The FIFA World Cup is the largest single-sport competition in the world, and this bid win is expected to increase interest in soccer across Canada.

Steven was also part of the National Organizing Committee for the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup, hosted in Canada for the first time. In recognition of his service, he was granted the Life Member Award from BC Soccer.



Submitted

David Schellenberg, FCPA, FCA

David builds strong leadership teams that enable companies to prosper and creates trusted relationships by providing sound business and financial insights. He is a managing director and partner with the Vancouver-based private equity firm Highland West Capital Ltd. (HWCL), a role he has held since 2014. David has helped HWCL grow significantly through a number of strategic acquisitions and by attracting top talent; in the past several years, the businesses with which HWCL has partnered have grown from 1,250 to 2,000 employees.

Prior to HWCL, David was president and chief executive officer of Conair

Group Inc., a specialty aircraft provider, and before that, he was the managing director of accounting and administration at the Jim Pattison Group corporate office. David obtained his designation in 1989 in Manitoba.

During his almost 20 years of involvement in aviation and aerospace, David dedicated himself to the advancement and growth of the Canadian industry. He led the establishment of a Pacific Region of the Aerospace Industries Association of Canada, helping western aerospace companies grow their businesses and expand into international markets. While at Conair, he helped to establish the company's reputation for excellence in Canada and secure new global contracts and customers. And as president of Conair's subsidiary, Cascade Aerospace, he led the company in winning the long-term contract for the maintenance support of the Department of National Defence's Hercules C-130 fleet.

David promotes the profession through speaking engagements with business, industry, and student groups. He also serves as a board director for a number of private and public companies, as well as on the Jim Pattison Foundation board, a private foundation that financially supports various charitable and health-related programs.

In recognition of his leadership and business expertise, in 2012 David received a CEO of the Year award from *Business in Vancouver* in the large private company category.



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Eric Stebner, FCPA, FCA

Throughout his career, Eric has made meaningful contributions to the success of numerous organizations. Since 2000, he has served as president of the Delta-based Akhurst Group of Companies – Canada’s largest independent machinery distributor. Through his mentorship and succession planning, Eric has overseen the transition of the 80-year-old Akhurst Group from the third to the fourth generation of the Akhurst family.

Eric’s tireless work ethic has helped the company enhance its stability and profitability. Under his direction, the company refocused on its core business to hone its competitiveness, then

broadened its depth of service offerings. Eric has led the company through a program of continuous improvement, insisting on accountability while refining business processes and deploying innovative software and tools to streamline operations. His compassionate leadership has enabled Akhurst to attract and retain the highest level of talent.

Eric obtained his designation in 1982 in BC. In 1984, he began working with the Rivotow Group, a marine and industrial concern. Initially hired as an internal auditor, he assumed progressive responsibility, in time becoming the group’s vice-president of finance. Eric was instrumental in the company’s restructuring and operational turnaround, and when the organization returned to growth, he played a key role in all financial negotiations, including with banks, the federal government, and other suppliers.

In his community, Eric volunteers with the BC SPCA. As a designated director with the Institute of Corporate Directors, he lends his governance skills and financial expertise to the BC SPCA. From 2007 to 2016, he served as an Executive Committee member, Finance Committee chair, and director, assisting the Society in reinvigorating the organization and helping it to achieve the greatest program expansion in its history. His work has enabled the BC SPCA to better fulfil its mandate of province-wide support for animals in need. Eric currently volunteers as a trustee with the BC SPCA Vancouver Hospital Trust Fund.



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Alexander (Sandy) Stedman, FCPA, FCA

Respected as an insightful source of tax knowledge by his colleagues and Victoria's business community, Sandy is the driving force behind his workplace's commitment to providing exceptional service to its clients.

As a partner at Schibli Stedman King Chartered Professional Accountants, he has helped the practice grow from seven to 31 staff members, achieve significant revenue growth, and become one of Vancouver Island's largest independent accounting firms. Promoting ongoing professional development, mentoring new partners, and transitioning existing clients to new partners are some of the

keys to his success since joining the firm in 1996.

Sandy began his career at accounting firm Ernst & Whinney in 1984 and obtained his designation in 1987 in BC. He joined Schibli Stedman King after stints as a controller with DCD Management and an internal auditor at Fletcher Challenge Canada.

For over 16 years, he has been dedicated to improving the quality of tax education in BC and other provinces. He is an instructor with the CPABC Professional Development (PD) Program, and the author of tax courses that are taught in provincial PD programs across Canada. Sandy is recognized for his passion for education and his commitment to encouraging professional development among CPAs. He also inspires his fellow members to join him as course authors and instructors.

Since 1990, Sandy has also rendered dedicated service to the profession by serving on a range of committees, including his provincial legacy body's Practice Review and Licencing Committee. He is currently a member of CPABC's PD Taxation Advisory Group.

He has also shared his passion for education outside of the profession, serving as a board governor and treasurer with St. Michael's University School, where he oversaw financial, strategic, governance, and human resource issues. His volunteerism has also included serving with Scouts Canada for approximately 20 years and as a coach with Bays United FC, a non-profit community soccer association.



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Michael (Mike) Stubbing, FCPA, FCA

With a reputation for being client focused, technically skilled, and service oriented, Mike is recognized as a leader by Vancouver Island's business community. A partner with Grant Thornton LLP's tax practice in Victoria since 2009, he leads the firm's national Succession and Estate Planning Group.

Mike is active in Grant Thornton's employee development on both the provincial and national level, coaching senior business managers, mentoring young professionals, and identifying skills development opportunities for staff. His many contributions to the personal and professional success of his

co-workers were recognized with Grant Thornton's Colleagues Award, and the firm also honoured him with its Professional Excellence Award.

Mike joined Grant Thornton in New Westminster as a co-op student in 1998 and obtained his designation in 2001 in BC. He transferred to the firm's Edmonton office in 2001, taking on progressive management positions, then moved to the Victoria office in 2006.

Mike's ongoing commitment to professional excellence earned him an Early Achievement award from his provincial legacy body and he continues to build on that reputation. As a frequent guest lecturer at post-secondary institutions and professional organizations, he works to raise the profile of the profession and of CPAs as subject matter experts. He has authored and taught tax courses for CPA bodies across Canada for over a decade, and is a content advisor with the Professional Learning and Development Program Committee for provincial CPA bodies. Mike has also served with the Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP), both as a past board member and to help create an estate planning conference co-hosted by CPABC and STEP.

In addition, Mike is a board member with Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific, an international pre-university school, where he chairs the Finance Committee. He has also provided financial and board leadership to the Mount St. Mary Hospital Foundation.

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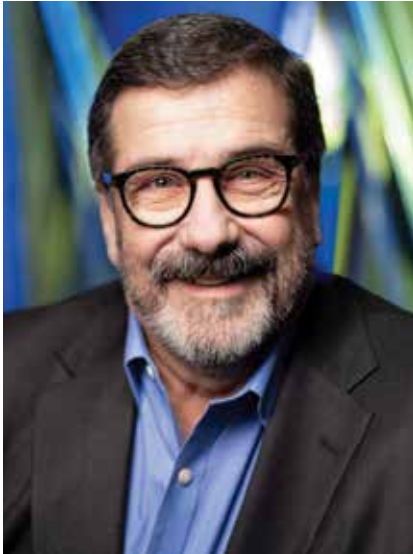


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Lenard (Len) Boggio, FCPA, FCA

A sought-after advisor and director of a number of public and private companies, Len widely shares his considerable financial, business, and industry experience.

He is currently an independent director and Audit Committee chair of BC Hydro, where he exercises a governance role over some of the organization's most complex and important projects, including Site C and the recent purchase of the Waneta Dam. He also serves as an independent director and advisor to several public mining companies and has been a commissioner of the Financial Institutions Commission, the provincial regulatory agency that safeguards the stability and reputation of BC's financial sector.

Len was a partner at PwC's Vancouver office from 1988 until retiring in 2012. Under his leadership, the firm's mining group saw its annual revenues double, as did the number of partners working in the practice. Respected as a clear and strategic thinker who inspired trust in his colleagues, he freely shared his expertise and mentored many of the mining practice's younger partners. Len obtained his designation in 1985 in BC and was elected to fellowship in 2007.

Len volunteered with his profession for more than 30 years and rendered diverse and dedicated service. During the unification of Canada's accounting profession, he was a leader at both the provincial and national levels. As chair of his national legacy body during unification, he was widely recognized by his peers for his energy, commitment, and vision. He also served as president of his provincial legacy body, engaging with fellow members to promote understanding and approval of unification.

A respected educator, Len taught the audit component of the Institute of Corporate Directors program and has lectured at SFU and the Law Society of BC. He is also an active volunteer, and has advocated for children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities through his service with the Kenneth Gordon Maplewood School and related Foundation.

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Lifetime Achievement Award



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Shelley Brown, FCPA, FCA, CM

A strong, inclusive leader, Shelley serves as a corporate director, helping executive teams achieve growth, increase stakeholder value, and embrace innovation. Her governance expertise has brought value to association, not-for-profit, and corporate boards for over 30 years. For her contributions as a business leader and volunteer, she was appointed to the Order of Canada in 2018.

Shelley was the first woman in Canada to become an office managing partner with Deloitte. She was a partner in public practice for 30 years, most recently at Deloitte's Vancouver office, until her retirement in 2018. Previously office managing partner in Deloitte's

Saskatoon office, she began her career with Clarkson Gordon in Calgary, where she became the office's first female partner.

Shelley obtained her designation in 1982 in Alberta and has been elected to fellowship in Ontario, BC, Alberta, and Saskatchewan.

As an advocate for gender parity, Shelley supports female talent through mentorship. Her efforts have been recognized with an Influential Women in Business Award from *Business in Vancouver* and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association of Women in Finance. The Women's Executive Network has named her four times as one of Canada's Top 100 Most Powerful Women, earning her a position in the Hall of Fame.

A leader in the accounting profession, Shelley was named a member of the Accounting Standards Oversight Council in 2018. She was the inaugural co-chair of CPA Canada after leading her national legacy body's Unification Committee from 2012 to 2014. She served her legacy body for over 30 years and contributed to the formation of its school of business in Western Canada.

Her community contributions are equally impressive. She chairs the University of Saskatchewan's board of governors and the Jim Pattison Children's Hospital Foundation which oversees funding initiatives for construction of a children's hospital in Saskatchewan. As a board member with Covenant House Vancouver, she helps oversee the construction of two new youth shelters in downtown Vancouver.



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Gordon Holloway, FCPA, FCA

Highly respected for his skills as an advisor and his integrity as a leader, Gordon is a tribunal member of the British Columbia Securities Commission, which administers the *Securities Act* that regulates capital markets in BC. He recently completed two terms as an independent commissioner with the agency.

Gordon served as an assurance and managing partner in KPMG's Fraser Valley offices for 23 years until his retirement in 2013. His professional accomplishments include guiding the firm through several practice mergers and mentoring young professionals throughout his career.

Gordon began his accounting career with Clarkson Gordon in Toronto and Vancouver, then joined McKnight Johnson Chartered Accountants as a partner in Abbotsford. He obtained his designation in 1974 in BC and was elected to fellowship in 1992.

He began volunteering with the profession as soon as he obtained his designation, contributing to areas as varied as public relations, government affairs, and course development. Recognized for his leadership and vision throughout the national unification of the accounting profession, Gordon served as co-chair of the CPABC Transitional Steering Committee and championed unification as president of his provincial legacy body. Achievements under his leadership included the signing of a merger agreement between the legacy accounting bodies and the approval of a directional plan for the unification of the accounting profession in BC.

Known for sharing his skills with civic causes, Gordon's volunteerism is woven into the fabric of Abbotsford. He served for years as president of the Abbotsford Community Foundation and the Abbotsford Land Trust Society, was a founding director of the Abbotsford Executives Association, vice-chair of the city's Economic Development Commission, and president of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.

For his civic contributions, he was named Volunteer of the Year by the City of Abbotsford and Community Business Leader of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce. He was also honoured by Rotary International with a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Lifetime Achievement Award



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Peter Norwood, FCPA, FCA, FCMA

An innovative, engaged educator, Peter has led the way in working with post-secondary institutions to establish accounting programs and partnerships. He spearheaded the creation of Langara College's Bachelor of Business Administration program and guided development of Langara's curriculum to support CPA Canada's Advanced Certificate in Accounting and Finance. He also played a key role in the formation of UBC's Diploma in Accounting program and was the first chair of the Langara School of Management.

He continues to educate the newest generation of accounting professionals

as an instructor with Langara's School of Management and with UBC's Sauder School of Business.

Peter joined Deloitte Haskins & Sells in 1978, later becoming assistant director of finance with Molson Brewery, then director of education services with a legacy accounting body (CMA BC). He obtained his designations in 1980 (CA) and 1992 (CMA) in BC. He was elected to fellowship in 2009.

Peter has brought exceptional dedication to the development of the profession's education and qualification programs. During the unification of the accounting profession, he played a leading role in creating its education and certification programs. As the inaugural chair of CPA Canada's board of evaluators, he was involved in the development, marking, and results for the first three Common Final Exams – delivering an assessment model that demonstrates the skills of Canadian CPAs. Recently, Peter was appointed by CPA Canada as chair of the board of examiners overseeing the Professional Education Program modules.

His contributions to the profession also include serving with his provincial CA legacy body's council from 2005 to 2011, including as president, and as a board member with its school of business from 2005 to 2013, including as chair.

Peter received a CPA Canada Volunteer Award for his outstanding contributions in the area of education, and the Ritchie McCloy Award for Volunteerism from his CA legacy body. He is also a recipient of Langara College's Leadership Excellence Award.



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