



Vancouver Chapter

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VANCOUVER CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Following are the Chairs and committee members for each committee from last year. The new chairs (if changed) will be reported in the January 2009 Newsletter:

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We are always looking for help with the various committees.

Committee members do not have to be members of the board, so let us know if there is an area where you would like to help out.

Contact the committee chair directly or send an email to

info@cfevancouver.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we enter the new (ACFE) year I would like to make one comment with respect to the ½ day training and Annual General Meeting ("AGM") and that is simply **"Thank you Jean Michel!!!"**

The half-day training involved an enormous amount of work from finding a venue, booking suitable rooms, dealing with the breaks, the dinner menu, and most of all the need for wireless or data line internet access for over 40 separate laptops. Even our presenter John Pyrik was not convinced that this would go off without a hitch.



To his, and my, amazement it did for the most part. The few problems we did encounter were more operator-driven. We did have a few wires spread all over the floor but it worked and we all had a valuable afternoon of surfing through the multiple search engines available on the internet.

Additionally we again had a great dinner and an informative keynote speaker who even got the audience into the discussion as they questioned one of his statements.

With respect to the AGM I would like to elaborate on why I am in my fourth term as Vancouver Chapter President, something that has never occurred before.

While our Chapter by-laws state that directors and officers are elected on an annual basis there is no restriction on re-running. However, historically the president has sat for a one year term and then moved on to be past-president the following year.

Back in 2006 and 2007, as we pursued the 2008 Canadian Fraud Conference, ACFE Austin made it clear that our being awarded the conference was incumbent upon my continuing as Chapter President which the board agreed to. Well now the 2008 Conference has come and gone, and as we have all heard it was a success, so perhaps it was time for me to do the same. I was then approached several months ago to stay on for one additional term which would make me the past-president in 2010 and in a position to dedicate time in chairing a committee to look after the 16th Annual ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference. This is of course based on the assumption that Vancouver is going to be awarded the conference in 2010.

Before deciding to accept this I had to give consideration to a number of issues including but not limited to my own work life balance; the ever increasing demand of my job, and most importantly, if I could continue to serve the Vancouver Chapter in the manner it deserves. One of the factors which helped me in my decision to stay on was the outstanding group of individuals that I have had the opportunity of working with over my five years as a director and three years as president, so here I am for one more final year.

Over the past year people have commented on the quality of our website and newsletter, as well as our two awards, ACFE Newsletter of the Year and ACFE Chapter of the Year, as if this was my doing. Sorry I will not take credit for this except for one very small area and that is for being the task master who is constantly hounding the other directors.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheons are held, unless otherwise indicated, on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The Hornby Banquet Centre is above the Keg at Hornby and Dunsmuir, on the 3rd floor.



CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our Christmas luncheon is a special networking event where we don't have a speaker. Instead we socialize and raise money (50/50 Draw, etc.) for this year's selected charity - Covenant House (see page 3 for more info) and have draws for gifts donated by our members.

When: Wednesday, December 17, 2008

Time: 12:00 Noon

Where: Hornby Banquet Centre
595 Hornby Street,
Vancouver

Price: \$20 members and students,
\$30 for non-members

Contact Jean Michel to register today:

luncheon@cfevancouver.com

Visa™ and MasterCard™ accepted.

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ITEMS FOR OUR DOOR
PRIZE DRAWS. ADVERTISE
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It is Russ Lefler, Pat McDowell, and the rest of the individuals who have sat on the board that are the ones who are responsible. Without the cumulative effort of each director we would not have achieved what we have, nor would we be able to get better in the future. My hat is off to each and every one of the past and current directors for your dedication and efforts in making the Vancouver Chapter the success it is today.

In November's issue I thanked the outgoing directors and in like fashion I would now like to welcome the new members of the board, Shane Troyer who is with Deloitte and Annette Arnott-Bieberstein from ICBC. Annette is no stranger to the Vancouver Chapter as she has been involved with the local chapter of the Institute of Internal Auditors and in that capacity has been a driving force in ACFE/IIA Joint Fraud Conference. Shane is a new face to the board; however he had previously offered to replace his co-worker, Christine George, as treasurer when Christine relocated to Ontario in early 2008. Both will be great additions and I look forward to working with you over the next year.

I, along with other board members, am continuing to meet with the IIA Chapter to work on the planning of the 2009 Joint Fraud Conference. More information on this will follow however the tentative dates for the conference are April 1st and 2nd. If you wish to be a presenter; have a presenter in mind, or have a topic you wish to hear more on please contact me or any other board member as soon as possible.

I encourage you to check elsewhere in this newsletter for information on our new lunch draws and other upcoming events. Remember December 17th is our Christmas lunch which is strictly a social. Sign up early and bring along a friend or colleague.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Vancouver ACFE Chapter the very best of the Holiday Season to each of you and your families and I look forward to seeing you at the December lunch. ■

*Colin G Parcher CFE
President, Vancouver Chapter*

THERE IS A FREE LUNCH AFTER ALL!

At our October meeting, the Vancouver Chapter board discussed various membership initiatives, as well as the difficult job it has been to get member's biographies for this newsletter. All of the Member Bios you have seen have been a result of the hard work of Jean Michel, and we decided it was time to try to lighten her load. Again, all we can say is; Thank you Jean!

Among the solutions, we decided;

- Starting with the December 17, 2008 Christmas Luncheon and continuing each month, we will have a draw from the members in attendance.
- The winner will receive a **FREE LUNCH** at the following monthly luncheon, AND will be featured in the next newsletter MEMBER BIO section.

That is not all!

- We also plan to have an annual draw from the monthly winners, for the BIG WINNER who will receive **FREE ATTENDANCE** at our annual November half-day professional training session, AGM and lovely dinner.

In addition, we plan to have members of the board sitting at different tables at each luncheon, so you will all have an opportunity to meet us all and tell us what you want from the chapter. We also want to know what we are doing wrong, and right!

REMEMBER, ONLY PAID MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR THE FREE LUNCH AND TRAINING



PD OPPORTUNITIES

USA

INVESTIGATING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Las Vegas December 15, 2008

CONDUCTING INTERNAL INVESTIGATIONS

Las Vegas December 16-17, 2008

PRINCIPLES OF FRAUD EXAMINATION

Austin TX December 15-18, 2008

AUDITING FOR INTERNAL FRAUD

Phoenix AZ January 22-23, 2009

INTRODUCTION TO DIGITAL FORENSICS

Charlotte NC January 26-27, 2009

INVESTIGATING BY COMPUTER

Louisville KY February 2-3, 2009

PROFESSIONAL INTERVIEWING SKILLS

St. Louis MO February 9-10, 2009

FRAUD PREVENTION- MORTGAGE FRAUD

New York NY March 2-4, 2009

Go to www.acfe.com for details and registration forms.

CHRISTMAS CHARITY

This year the board decided to collect money for Covenant House, Vancouver.

Covenant House Vancouver exists for those young people for whom there is often no one else — young people aged 16 - 24 who have either willingly fled physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse or those who have been forced from their homes.

During the past 10 years, over 10,000 young people have come to *Covenant House Vancouver* looking for shelter, food, clothing, counseling or simply a night's respite from the drudgery of the streets.

Covenant House is also looking for new jeans, hoodies, coats and running shoes in assorted men's and women's sizes, so if you bring any of these items with you we will be happy to pass them on. ■

See www.covenanthousebc.org

NEW DIRECTORS' BIOGRAPHIES

The board of directors welcomes the following two members; we thank you for joining us in overseeing this great organization!

Shane Troyer, CFE

Shane manages Deloitte's Forensic Services in British Columbia, bringing fourteen years combined experience in forensic accounting, investigation, fraud risk consulting and audit. Shane's focus is working with Deloitte's clients to prevent, detect and investigate fraud and wrongdoing through the implementation of effective anti-fraud programs and the deployment of key investigative tools such as data analytics and forensic technologies. Shane has managed numerous high profile investigations and fraud risk management initiatives within both the public and private sector across North America.



Shane has been a Certified Fraud Examiner since 2003 and is also a Certified General Accountant, Certified Internal Auditor and a Certified Information System Security Professional. ■

Annette Arnott, CFE

Annette Arnott is knowledgeable on risk management and internal audit strategies and practices. She is a Certified Fraud Examiner and is a designated Canadian Risk Management professional. Annette, who has been with ICBC since 2005, is experienced in the full range of risk and audit issues affecting public and private business organizations. She also has a varied background in business and financial management. ■

Note: Annette did not provide a picture as of publication date, but any member of the board will be happy to point her out to you at the Christmas luncheon. — The Editor

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF THIS ECONOMY

NEW STOCK MARKET TERMS for 2009 and beyond.

CEO -- Chief Embezzlement Officer.

CFO -- Corporate Fraud Officer.

BULL MARKET -- A random market movement causing an investor to mistake himself for a financial genius.

BEAR MARKET -- A 6 to 18 month period when the kids get no allowance, the wife gets no jewelry, and the husband gets no sex.

VALUE INVESTING -- The art of buying low and selling lower.

P/E RATIO -- The percentage of investors wetting their pants as the market keeps crashing.

BROKER -- What my broker has made me.

STANDARD & POOR -- Your life in a nutshell.

STOCK ANALYST -- Idiot who just downgraded your stock.

STOCK SPLIT -- When your ex-wife and her lawyer split your assets equally between themselves.

FINANCIAL PLANNER -- A guy whose phone has been disconnected.

MARKET CORRECTION -- The day after you buy stocks.

CASH FLOW -- The movement your money makes as it disappears down the toilet.

YAHOO -- What you yell after selling it to some poor sucker for \$240 per share.

WINDOWS -- What you jump out of when you're the sucker who bought Yahoo @ \$240 per share.

INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR -- Past year investor who's now locked up in a nuthouse.

PROFIT -- An archaic word no longer in use. ■



...HO-HO-HO INDEED!



FIND A FRAUD EXAMINER

The Vancouver Chapter website: www.cfevancouver.com has a section called **Find a Fraud Examiner** where members in private practice or those willing to take outside jobs can advertise.

If you are a CFE and a current member of the Vancouver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners and you would like your name and contact information on our website, please send the following information to us at :

website@cfevancouver.com and put **'Find a Fraud Examiner'** in the subject line.

- Name:**
- Professional Designation(s):**
- Title:**
- Company:**
- Address:**
- Telephone #:**
- Fax:**
- Cell Phone #:**
- Email:**
- Website:**
- Specialty or Area(s) of Practice: ***

** for instance, Forensic Accounting, Risk Consulting, Investigation, Employment Law, etc. We can also accept a short narrative description of your services.*

Note that other than name, each of these fields is entirely optional.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Enter the Anti-Fraud Profession, with CFE accreditation,
- Excel by providing continuing education, training and keeping you informed,
- Advance your career by providing a place to network with your peers and possibly help you find a mentor,
- Share your knowledge with others, and
- Build your practice.
- You could be eligible to win free lunches and even a free half-day training session and dinner.

For more information about membership see our website at:

www.cfevancouver.com

Competence, like truth, beauty and contact lenses, is in the eye of the beholder.

-Lawrence J Peter (1919-1988)

RECENT FRAUD FINDINGS

Fraud-squad report says organized crime is threat to markets

The RCMP Integrated Market Enforcement Teams (IMET) released a report indicating that organized crime has become a significant threat to Canada's capital markets. Major crime groups are recruiting investment professionals to act as facilitators to allow them to expand beyond traditional illicit activities and to launder illegally obtained money. According to IMET, these facilitators exhibit culpability ranging from willful blindness to direct fraudulent participation and are called "criminalized professionals" in the report.

The (*heavily censored*) report was obtained by the Canadian Press under the *Access to Information Act*. Apparently it is the first strategic-intelligence report issued by IMET since they were founded in 2003. The report was intended to notify Canadian law-enforcement agencies and foreign partners of crime trends noted in Canada's capital markets in the last year, but the unredacted part that was released does not indicate which organized crime groups are involved.

So far criminal charges have been laid in nine cases, four of them relatively minor. Four of the nine charges involved some form of money laundering.

"As our charge history has shown, our investigations involve everything related to capital markets fraud, from large companies trading on senior exchanges to small companies on Over-the-Counter bulletin board (OTC) and the Pink Sheets," Sgt. Dean Buzza, director of the IMET, said in an email. "Given this broad spectrum, and the sheer magnitude of transactions in the capital markets, it would be expected that traditional organized crime groups would, in one way or another, be connected to the capital markets."

IMET and the RCMP complain they lack power to compel testimony from reluctant witnesses who are protected by the constitutional right against self-incrimination. A spokesman for Public Safety Minister Peter Van Loan says a proposal is in the works to allow such power, to bring IMET into line with investigators working under the *Income Tax Act* and the *Competition Act*. ■

"It didn't feel like stealing"

A Toronto "accountant" (self-taught bookkeeper) stole nearly a million dollars from 21 separate Toronto area day-cares and then fled to Africa for several years. He was the focus of a documentary called *Disappearing Act* by The Fifth Estate earlier this fall. The most telling comment he made in the interview was 'It didn't feel like stealing'. ■

"Fire the Judge"

An inquiry panel of the Canadian Judicial Council, which probes judicial behaviour, came down hard on Justice Paul Cosgrove, a former federal Liberal Cabinet minister, ruling that there was an appearance of bias in his conduct during the trial of Julia Yvonne Elliott. She was a Barbadian woman who was charged in a bizarre first degree murder case, whose charges were stayed by Cosgrove.

"He has rendered himself incapable of executing the judicial office," the inquiry panel wrote.

A former attorney-general Michael Bryant who asked the judicial council to review the judge's conduct said, "Judge Cosgrove appeared biased against the police and Crown by accusing them of making 150 Charter of Rights violations".

Mr. Bryant's complaint was based on a December, 2003, Ontario Court of Appeal decision, which found "there was no factual basis" for Judge Cosgrove's findings and that he had "misused his power."

The committee went on to accuse Judge Cosgrove of failing to control the "grossly unprofessional behaviour" of Ms. Elliott's lawyer during the trial, in which he made "scurrilous allegations" against the Crown. ■