



Vancouver Chapter

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VANCOUVER CHAPTER COMMITTEES

Following are the Chairs and committee members for each committee as agreed at our first board meeting of the new year.

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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:
information@cfevancouver.com

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As I begin to write this I am on my way to Toronto to speak at (and attend) the 14th Annual ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference. *(The newsletter editors hate it when I write these reports on airplanes. For whatever the reason the airplanes seem to cause more than my normal number of grammatical and/or spelling errors. But then I have Pat, Russ, Jean and Annette as proof readers, and where there are a few typographical errors here and there, it is the plane's fault!)*



Back to serious business; we have just had another successful luncheon with nearly 70 attendees to hear yet another great luncheon speaker. Speaking straight from experience, identifying potential speakers with interesting and relevant topics every month and then convincing them to speak is not an easy task. On behalf of everyone who attends our luncheons, my thanks go to Kim Marsh, the primary person who has been identifying the various speakers and then convincing them speak, all for the price of a lunch and a small gift. The high quality of our luncheon and training session speakers that we have attracted over the past year is one area that has made the Vancouver Chapter as outstanding as it is.

Prior to leaving for Toronto I had the pleasure of attending the retirement reception held for Superintendent Gordon McRae (Retired) who has headed up the RCMP Commercial Crime Section in British Columbia for the past eight years and has just recently retired after 40 years with the RCMP. It was a true honour to be present and hear of Superintendent McRae's accomplishments over the span of his career. Gord has had a number of different postings including a United Nations assignment in Kosovo. As well Gord was one of the driving forces behind Project Emptor which is a joint Canada and United States, multi-agency investigation of telemarketers.

The magnitude of the respect earned by Superintendent McRae was very evident in the personal letters of commendation presented to him by the Directors of the Federal Bureau of Investigations and the United States Secret Service as well as the head of the United States Federal Trade Commission.

There were also a number of other presentations including two which I had the privilege of presenting. One was on behalf of my office which has had an outstanding relationship with the Commercial Crime Section over the years, and the other a Certificate of Achievement on behalf of the Vancouver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (see picture next page).

The outgoing Superintendent has been a strong supporter of the Vancouver Chapter; routinely sending his officers to our training sessions. Many of you may remember he was the opening speaker for the 2008 ACFE Canadian Conference in Vancouver where he was very candid about the state of Commercial Crime investigations in British Columbia.

On behalf of our Chapter I again extend our best wishes to Gordon McRae and his wife, Louise, for a long, happy and relaxing retirement.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheons are held, unless otherwise indicated (*see Change in June, below*) on the fourth Wednesday of each month. The Hornby Banquet Centre is above the Keg at Hornby and Dunsmuir, on the 3rd floor.

When: Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Tony Singleton and Tom Flynn, ICBC (*see their brief biographies on page 3*)

Topic: Fraud & Innovation... Identity Theft and False Documents.

Where: Hornby Banquet Centre
595 Hornby Street,
Vancouver

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

Contact Jean Michel to register today, send email to: cfevancouver@yahoo.ca

Visa™ and MasterCard™ accepted.

DATE CHANGE IN JUNE!

We have found it necessary to alter our usual pattern of the fourth Wednesday of each month for our June luncheon only.

Please mark your calendars for **June 18, 2009**, which is a **Thursday**, for the last ACFE luncheon before the summer break.

We look forward to seeing you and your colleagues there! ■

Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.

Thomas A Edison

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Well, here we are into Presidents Report - part two, as I fly the other way across the country, back to the West Coast. The 14th Annual ACFE Canadian Conference is now history and was once again a success with nearly 200 attendees. Thank you and congratulations to the Toronto Chapter for their work and hospitality. As always it was good to see old friends as well as making some new ones. While I had anticipated it, Alan Bachman from ACFE, Austin made it official during the conference in announcing that the 15th Annual ACFE Canadian Conference would be held in a small town west of Toronto, called Vancouver.

You may remember back several months ago I explained the basis for my decision for agreeing to stay on for the fourth consecutive term as Vancouver Chapter President. As stated then, I had committed to the fourth year so that I would be the Past President in 2010. This was done in anticipation of Vancouver being the host city for the 2010 Canadian Conference and I, as Past President, would chair a committee to oversee the Vancouver Chapter's role in the 15th Annual ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference. If the new chapter board (to be elected in December 2009) still wishes that from me, I still prepared to accept the challenge of making Vancouver 2010 the best Canadian Conference ever.

As mentioned in a previous newsletter, and again in anticipation of Vancouver hosting the 2010 Canadian Conference, we took our display to Toronto as one of our first steps in promoting Vancouver 2010. The display, along with brochures about our chapter and Vancouver, was well attended. Thank you to Jim Blatchford and Jo Orton for assisting in manning the display during the breaks.

As I conclude I would like to again solicit anyone interested in running for the chapter's Board of Directors to contact me or any other director and let us know; new directors bring new ideas.

I would also like to encourage you to sign up for the May 27th luncheon. Further details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember to bring a colleague or friend and introduce them to the great networking opportunities that result from the monthly Vancouver Chapter luncheons. ■

*Colin G Parcher CFE
President, Vancouver Chapter*



PD OPPORTUNITIES

CANADA

BCIT is offering the one day Web Investigator course by John Pyrik, called Essentials of Internet Search for Investigators. See Page 4 for details.

**July 21 and again on July 22, 2009.
Cost \$236
Contact forensic@bcit.ca**

USA

**AUDITING FOR INTERNAL FRAUD
Los Angeles CA May 28-29, 2009**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FRAUD
Ft. Lauderdale FL May 2009**

**PRINCIPLES OF FRAUD EXAMINATION
Austin TX June 1-4, 2009**

**MONEY LAUNDERING: TRACING
ILLICIT FUNDS
Denver CO June 2009**

**CONTRACT & PROCUREMENT FRAUD
Baltimore MD June 2009**

**20th ANNUAL ACFE FRAUD
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION
Las Vegas NV July 12-17, 2009**

**CFE EXAM PREP COURSE
Chicago IL August 24-27, 2009**

**HOW TO TESTIFY
Washington DC August 27-28, 2009**

**ADVANCED FRAUD EXAMINATION
TECHNIQUES
Austin TX September 14-16, 2009**

Guidelines for fighting fraud have been released jointly by three leading professional organizations. "**Managing the Business Risk of Fraud: A Practical Guide**" is sponsored by the ACFE, The Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA)

Go to www.acfe.com for details and registration information for the above programs, as well as the new guidelines.

MAY SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

ICBC Special Investigations Unit (SIU):



Anthony Singleton



Tom Flynn

Tony Singleton has been investigating fraud against ICBC in our Special Investigation Unit since December 1996. Prior to that he had a full career as an Officer in the Royal Hong Kong Police.

Tom Flynn has been investigating fraud against ICBC in our Special Investigation Unit since April 2003. Prior to that he was an investigator with the B.C. Ministry of Human Resources SIU. ■

FEBRUARY FREE LUNCH WINNER BIO

James (Jim) E. Pratt CGA

Jim is excited with his involvement with the Vancouver Chapter and is an associate member of the ACFE organization. He has been working as an independent consultant in the television and movie industry for the past 14 years.

Jim is a part-time student completing a certificate in the Forensic and Investigative Accounting option at BCIT. His plan is to change his work focus and move into the investigative/fraud realm and to write and complete the CFE designation by the year's end.

Jim elected to designate a friend to receive his free lunch as his company covers his luncheon costs. ■

NOTE: While we are happy to have the Free Lunch winner designate a friend or colleague to receive their free lunch if they don't need it personally, this program is only open to chapter members, so we will need to ensure that all recipients are members of our Chapter. Contact Jean Michel at cfevancover@yahoo.ca to renew your membership or sign up today!

RECENT FRAUD FINDINGS

Canadian Debit Cards Less Secure - CBC News

Criminals may be targeting Canada's bank cards because financial institutions here have been slower to switch to more secure card technology than in many other countries, says a security technology consultant.

While Europe has accelerated the adoption of chip and pin for debit cards, Canada is not scheduled to go that way for another six (6) years, December 31, 2015.

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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 AGM dinner.

For more information about membership see our website at:

www.cfevancouver.com

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"The criminal groups know that the end is coming and they are working as hard as they can now to maximize their profits." — *Det. Jeff Caplan, Durham Regional Police*

This week, Toronto police confirmed they had received dozens of complaints from people working at or near the CBC Broadcasting Centre downtown who said their bank accounts had been compromised.

In Canada, Interac Association is the group responsible for the network that allows Canadians to access their money through bank machines and retail debit card terminals. According to its numbers, 148,000 debit card fraud victims were reimbursed in 2008 after getting \$104.5 million stolen from their accounts — roughly triple the 49,000 victims reported reimbursed in 2004, when they were robbed of a total of \$60 million.

Durham Regional Police Det. Jeff Caplan, who is with the major fraud unit, said there has been a recent spike in bank card scams. He said Canadian bank cards, which store data using magnetic strip technology, are not secure.

"The fraud is going to continue and it's going to continue at a really alarming rate until the full implementation of chip," he said. ■

BCIT WEB INVESTIGATOR 1 DAY SEMINAR

Essentials of Internet Search for Investigators

This [one-day seminar](#) condenses the best content of BCIT's popular "Internet for Investigations" course into an intensive, hands-on roller coaster ride through the deep web. Learn the search strategies and tactics of the pros. Find out how to protect yourself online and how to assess reliability. Intensive and interactive, this seminar is only recommended for those who already have some Internet experience and want to take their search skills to the next level.

Who should attend? This seminar is for anyone that has to dig deeper and use information more carefully than the general public. It is recommended for: investigators, analysts, lawyers, accountants, police officers, regulators, private investigators, compliance officers, auditors, researchers, reporters, recruiters, business valuers, competitive intelligence practitioners, and investors.

Seminar Leader - John Pyrik has a broad range of analytical and investigative experience accumulated from 19 years of government service. He has worked as an intelligence officer, a securities investigator, and a money laundering analyst. He is considered a subject matter expert on the Internet by the RCMP and has taught courses at BCIT since 1999. An experienced and engaging presenter, John has spoken at money laundering conferences in Toronto, Miami, Amsterdam, Barcelona, and Berlin.

Date, Time and Location: July 21st and 22nd (repeated), 9:00 - 4:30, Room 484, BCIT Downtown Campus (555 Seymour St., Vancouver).

Registration: The fee to attend is \$236 per person. To register, please contact forensic@bcit.ca or 604-412-7436. ■

FRAUD DEFINITION

Mortgage Fraud: Two Categories

Mortgage loan fraud is divided into two categories: fraud for property and fraud for profit.

Fraud for property/housing entails misrepresentations by the applicant for the purpose of purchasing a property for a primary residence. This scheme usually involves a single loan. Although applicants may embellish income and conceal debt, their intent is to repay the loan.

Fraud for profit, however, often involves multiple loans and elaborate schemes perpetrated to gain illicit proceeds from property sales. It is this second category that is of most concern to law enforcement and the mortgage industry. Gross misrepresentations concerning appraisals and loan documents are common in fraud for profit schemes and participants are frequently paid for their participation. ■