



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 move closer to the end of the year and my final months as Chapter President I would like to look back on the past four years as president:

- We have gone from a chapter of approximately 105 members to 175.
- We have instituted the Wayne McIlroy memorial scholarship.
- We built a strong relationship with the Vancouver IIA Chapter which has resulted in three successful conferences and I am sure more to come.
- We fostered a relationship with the other ACFE Chapters in the Pacific Northwest and Western Canada where we actively promote each other's events, give reciprocal membership rates, share speakers, speak at each other's events, and support each other when applicable.
- I have spoken at ACFE National and Chapter level events, which has gone a long way in raising the profile of the Vancouver Chapter.
- During this time the Vancouver Chapter has won three national awards, "Newsletter of the Year" twice and "Chapter of the Year" once.
- After a successful two day interviewing course and some very persistent lobbying we were able to convince ACFE Austin to move the Canadian Fraud Conference from Toronto to Vancouver in 2008 and based on the success of this conference it is returning in 2010, and possibly every other year after that.
- We have continued to have first class speakers for our monthly luncheons which has reflected in our lunch attendance.



The achievements I have noted are not solely because I was the chapter president, but are a credit to the entire board of directors who have served during this time. Without the board, and my employer's support I would not have been able to pursue the various activities which have led to our successes.

As we get closer to the two day Computer-Aided Investigations Course (November 16th and 17th), followed by our Annual General Meeting on the evening of November 17th, it will be time for someone else to take on the president's role. I am, however, committed to chairing a committee to work with ACFE Austin in setting up the 2010 Canadian Conference, if the new board still wishes for this to happen.

I am also honoured to be one of the nine candidates selected to have my name placed on the upcoming ACFE Board of Regents elections. In that light I will be seeking the support of all CFE's in Canada to place a Canadian back on the board, as well I will be reaching out to the many contacts I have met through various ACFE events who have ►

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Our monthly luncheons are held, *unless otherwise indicated* on the fourth (4th) Wednesday of each month. The Hornby Banquet Centre is above the Keg at Hornby and Dunsmuir, on the 3rd floor and the entry is on Dunsmuir.

When: Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Time: 12:00 Noon

Speaker: Debbie Nicholls & Russ Lefler from WorkSafeBC
(see their brief biographies on page 3)

Topic: Fraud Prevention Strategy at WorkSafeBC

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

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NOVEMBER AGM & DINNER

We are holding our Annual General Meeting to coincide with the last day of the 2 day seminar on Computer Aided Investigations (see *PD Opportunities, next page and description, page 4*), November 17th, 2009. It will be at the same venue, the *Empire Landmark Hotel* on Robson St.

Our *tentative* schedule for that evening in the Pavilion Room is:

4:30 – Cash bar opens

5:30 – AGM

6:00 or 6:15 – Dinner

Everyone is welcome to attend the dinner, it is not restricted to members.

Stay tuned for more details as they become available. ■

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

► come to know me as someone dedicated to the Anti-Fraud movement and to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

I have mentioned several upcoming events in this report which I encourage each of you to plan on attending. The first is the outstanding Computer-Aided Investigations Course presented by Cynthia Hetherington followed by the AGM and Dinner with another outstanding Keynote speaker. As you prepare your budget for next year be sure to include attendance at the 15th Annual ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference right here in Vancouver, scheduled for early May 2010.

You will find more information about all of these events elsewhere in this newsletter. I encourage you to become a part of one of the best ACFE Chapters, come out for lunch and hear another great speaker on anti-fraud activities. Bring along a friend or colleague and be sure to check the web-site for more information on the up-coming Computer-Aided Investigations course. ■

Colin G Parcher CFE
President, Vancouver Chapter

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER SUMMARY

Our thanks to **Albina Alimerko, CFE**, for her presentation. Albina has a degree in Mathematics and is a Certified Anti-money laundering Specialist. Albina recently served as a Program Coordinator for the US Treasury Dept, Office of Technical Assistance. The Office of Technical Assistance provides financial advice and advisors to developing countries (now 51) making improvements to their financial systems & markets.

Albania is a new democracy (1990), still has a cash based economy (cash transactions account for 20 to 30% & the informal economy is 30 to 60% of its GDP). Kosovo was ruled by Serbia until 1999 when it became a UN Protectorate. It declared independence in Feb 2008 and is recognized by many nations but not Serbia. Kosovo is heavily dependent upon international community aid & immigration remittances. Kosovo's population is about 90% ethnic Albanians. Organized crime activity accounts for 40%, unemployment is 40%. Kosovo has the poorest population in Europe.

'Economic crime' includes any illegal act where the offender's motivation is financial gain (ex. trafficking in drugs, arms, people; public corruption; money laundering; terrorist financing). Albania and Kosovo do not have stock markets, credit cards, mortgages, etc.

Challenges in combating economic crime, particularly money laundering & terrorist financing activities, include corruption, substantial & entrenched organized crime, corrupt judicial system, general lack of political will to change, politicism of civil service (overworked, underpaid, uneducated, etc.), and antiquated legislation.

Counter-offensive actions include FATF, formed in 1989 by G7 nations which criminalized money laundering and terrorist financing, created FIUs (Financial Intelligence Units) a central, national agency that receives, analyzes and disseminates disclosure of suspicious transactions to policing authorities, investigative agencies and other FIUs.

Albania has some experience and systems in place to combat economic crime, including an FIU. It is a member of the Egmont Group, an international association of FIUs. Albania's FIU is similar to Canada's i.e. administrative only and has no investigative powers. Some FIUs also freeze assets or block transactions for a limited time. Albania adopted its TFF Law in 2004, the first freeze order was issued in Dec 04 (by Minister of Finance) and orders are prepared and served by the FIU. There are 8 orders in place covering some \$4.5 million Euros. Two examples of freeze order cases include Yassin al Qadi (links to Taliban, assets seized in Albania) and Sports Bookie On-line. In the first case, Qadi's agent continued to rent, collect monies and disburse monies in breach of the Freeze Order. The Sports Bookie case was released from prosecution after two years. In ten years, there has not a prosecution of a money laundering case and no ►

PD OPPORTUNITIES

CANADA

COMPUTER AIDED INVESTIGATIONS

Vancouver BC November 16-17, 2009

See details at the top of page 4.

To be followed by the AGM and Dinner on November 17th.

IAFCI TRAINING SEMINAR

Surrey, BC October 29-30, 2009

For details and registration, go to www.cfevancouver.com and look under Newsletters.

2010 ACFE CANADIAN FRAUD CONFERENCE

VANCOUVER BC May 2010

USA

LEGAL ELEMENTS OF FRAUD EXAMS/ INTERVIEW TECHNIQUES
New York NY October 21-23, 2009

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FRAUD
Seattle WA October 26-27, 2009

CFE EXAM REVIEW COURSE
Austin TX November 2-5, 2009

PACIFIC RIM FRAUD CONFERENCE
Melbourne, Aust. November 15-17, 2009

ANNUAL FRAUD CONFERENCE
Spokane, WA November 19-20, 2009

(See Events/Activities on www.cfevancouver.com website)

CONTRACT & PROCUREMENT FRAUD
Washington DC November 19-20, 2009

PRINCIPLES OF FRAUD EXAMINATION
Austin TX December 7-10, 2009

For more information and registration details, go to www.acfe.com. Click on Training & Events, and then Calendar of Events to see all the options available.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER SUMMARY (CONT'D)

► significant increase in economic crime prosecutions. The government has not put into place an agency to sell/convert the seized assets so they deteriorate while sitting in police custody.

Kosovo is a post-conflict state with no track record, borders that cannot be secured (especially with Serbia), passive government, untested government political will, suffocated by international assistance, and its future is uncertain (could be a UN Protectorate for some time). There is still significant movement of cash cross-border.

There is still some US presence (US Justice Dept advisors for prosecutions, etc.) but it lessens as the EEU becomes more active. ■

Prepared by Linda Murray, CFE

OCTOBER SPEAKER BIOGRAPHYS

Debbie Nicholls & Russ Lefler
WorkSafeBC



Debbie Nicholls is the Manager, Strategic Fraud Prevention and Special Investigations at WorkSafeBC. She is a Certified Management Accountant and Certified Internal Auditor. Debbie has 13 years of experience in claims departments and 3 years with Internal Audit at WorkSafeBC. She is co-chair for the Fraud Working Group in WorkSafeBC and is currently working on WorkSafeBC's Fraud Prevention Strategy.

Russ Lefler, CFE and one of the current Directors for the Vancouver CFE Chapter, retired from a 25 year career with the RCMP, finishing in the Vancouver Proceeds of Crime Section. He worked for the AG's office of Gaming, Audit and Investigations Office for two years before being asked to consider a position at WorkSafeBC's then, and new, Special Investigations Branch in 2001. He is currently working out of the Surrey Field office focusing on various fraud investigations.



The topic of their lunch time talk will be the "Fraud Prevention Strategy at WorkSafeBC". Debbie and Russ will talk about the strategy and some of the successes and challenges that can happen along the way. ■

MARK YOUR 2010 CALENDAR!!!

The Vancouver Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners is proud to remind everyone that once again we are hosting the **ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference**. This is the premier event of the year for Canadians and our friends and colleagues everywhere who are involved in fraud education, prevention and detection, and will be held in early May 2010, in Vancouver!

Watch this space for more details as they become available! ■

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.

MEMBERSHIP PINS!

The Chapter recently commissioned and received an order of Vancouver ACFE Chapter Pins for our members. Each member has a choice of either gold or silver (colour) pins. They really look great! *Thanks to Colin for doing all the work on this.*

Members who attended our September luncheon already received theirs, so come out on October 28, 2009, to hear great speakers, network with fellow fraud functionaries and receive your Chapter pin.

Note: *I wanted to put a picture of the pin here but unfortunately they are strictly copyrighted and the promotional materials were copy-protected by the designer.■*

2 DAY TRAINING COURSE NOVEMBER 16-17, 2009

Computer-Aided Investigation: Internet Tools for Fraud Examiners

We are taking this opportunity of advising you of an upcoming two day training that the ACFE is putting on in Vancouver on November 16 and 17th at the Landmark Hotel, 1400 Robson Street, Vancouver. Several of Vancouver Board members have heard Cynthia Hetherington's presentations on internet investigation and can attest that the information she provides in a plain language technique is second to none.

Ask yourself: "Are you using computer technology in your internal and external investigations to your best advantage – likely not."

This training is a must attend for anyone who is using the internet as an investigation tool. Presented in non-technical terms, *"Computer-Aided Investigation: Internet Tools for Fraud Examiners"* (formerly *Investigating by Computer*) has been completely revised and updated and will teach you how to use the computer and Internet to locate information and leverage the vast resources available online to make your fraud examinations more effective. As part of this instructor-led course you will see how the Internet can be used as an important source of information that will aid your fraud examinations.

With the increased popularity of social-networking sites, many people share personal information online that can aid an investigation in many ways. Learn how to optimize your investigative searches and find a wealth of information available through public records. See how you can optimize all your searches on the Internet, reducing false positives to a manageable number and becoming more efficient in the process. Included in the seminar will be coverage of public-record searches, commercially available databases, internal Internet usage reviews and monitoring, as well as the legal aspects of collecting such data.

Cynthia Hetherington, President of Hetherington Group, has more than 15 years of experience in research, investigations and corporate intelligence. She is the founder of Hetherington Group, a consulting, publishing and training firm focusing on intelligence, security and investigations. Cynthia applies her expertise in library science and information systems to provide clients with strategic insight into research and complex investigations. During her career, she has assisted a vast number of clients with Internet investigations related to employee theft and intellectual property loss. Cynthia has also applied her research skills while conducting online and database research to uncover well-hidden relations between fraudulent associates, their assets and secrets. She has experience overseeing international investigations for Fortune 500 companies and other organizations in the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

A widely-published author, Cynthia authored *Business Background Investigations* (2007) and the *Manual to Online Public Records* (2008), published by Facts on Demand Press. She is the publisher of Data2know.com: Internet & Online Intelligence Newsletter and has co-authored articles on steganography, computer forensics, Internet investigations and other security-focused monographs. She is also recognized for providing corporate security officials, military intelligence units, and federal, state and local agencies with training on online intelligence practices. In addition, Cynthia is an adjunct faculty member at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, where she teaches a program on cyber counterterrorism investigations.■

To register for this 2 day session, go to www.acfe.com.

After the Seminar, (or even if you don't attend) join us for the AGM and Dinner on the evening of the 17th also at the Empire Landmark Hotel.

FREE LUNCH WINNER

Zale Chapel, CFE, of Paterson Jamieson Associates was the winner of the free lunch draw in September. To win he had to be present at the prior luncheon in June, as well as in September. We will print his bio and hopefully, a picture, in our November newsletter.■