

FEATURE

Veteran Hamilton Chapter member honoured

Tom Van Zuiden of the FEI Canada - Hamilton Chapter has been named as the 2008 recipient of the Frank S. Capon Distinguished Service Award. The award honours Frank Capon, who was an outstanding member for 57 years, and is credited with bringing FEI to Canada in 1948. "I am pleased to recognize Tom as the 2008 recipient of this award," says Michael Conway, CEO and National President, FEI Canada. Given below are highlights of Van Zuiden's accomplishments;

- Involved with the FEI for 43 years
- FEI Canada's Chairman in 1975-76
- One of the few Canadians to ever chair FEI U.S.'s North East Area Conference
- Joined Dofasco in 1952 and rose to the position of CFO, a position he held at his retirement in 1991
- Recognized by FEI US in 1991 with the Distinguished Service Award for building the FEI franchise in Canada

First joint FEI – CMA dinner event attracted close to 80 attendees.

Kelly Lang, Vice President and Partner, HKMB International Insurance Brokers examined the relevance of strategic and tactical elements of a special risks management program on March 19th in Oakville in a dinner event entitled "Special Risks Demystified" This was the first joint FEI Hamilton Chapter and CMA Mid Western Ontario District event.



FEI members Tom Van Zuiden (left) and Newman Smith (right) with Dee Pereira (center) the CMA Halton sub committee chair. Bob Rollwagen and Tom Evans in the background

FEI Hamilton President Bob Rollwagen addressing attendees at the first joint FEI-CMA dinner event

THE PRESIDENT'S CENTER

In September, we will be Celebrating 60 Years for FEI as a Professional Support organization in Canada. Hamilton and Montreal were the first two chapter initiated in 1948, both coming out of the North Eastern Chapter of the US FEI. Please plan to join us at our AGM for this event.

We are nearing the end of the 2007/2008 Business Year. This year has been one of growth in services to Mid Western Ontario members of FEI. Our program has six local events at four different locations and attendance has been up. We recognize the challenge of gathering from such a distributed region, Waterloo to Mississauga and the Niagara Peninsula. Our newsletter and member communication has been at least quarterly. The Chapter has conducted a membership survey and is involved with the National FEI Board to represent our members as the organization strives to grow and provide more content and quality. Your Executive is working with neighbouring Chapters to coordinate programming for the benefit of all. Our next newsletter will outline the program we are planning for 2008/2009. I trust that you are making your opinions known as is the role of every CFO and that we can expect your continuing support.

The Annual Conference is being held in Jasper this year from June 9-11. Early bird registration is open until April 30. This gathering of members and Financial Sector Professionals is ranked as one of the best Professional Development opportunities available annually in Canada. I hope that you will give this some consideration when planning your spring agenda. Hope to see you in Jasper.

FEI Canada has been invited to submit a brief and make a presentation to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance (FINA). This marks the first time in recent memory that FEI Canada has been invited to present to FINA. FEI Canada's presentation, which will be part of FINA's Study on "The Structure of Revenue-Raising in Canada", has now been scheduled for April 14th, 2008 in Ottawa.

EVENTS CALENDAR (Please hold these dates on your calendar)

April 17, 2008 at Holiday Inn Select Oakville, 2525 Wycroft Road, - Michael Sherrard and Katherine Ford of Sherrard Kuzz LLP, Labour Relations specialists will discuss how to effectively monitor and respond to chronic absenteeism and lateness and how to motivate the unmotivated employee..

May 15, 2008 – Social event starting with a tour of the Strewn winery in Niagara on the Lake, followed by some wine tasting and dinner at La Cachette. Members are encouraged to bring their spouse or partner. Newman Smith, one of our long time members, is an owner of this winery and has many years of experience in the wine making business.

Sept 24, 2008 – Tentative date for the Chapter AGM

MEMBER SERVICES

The Toronto and Hamilton Chapters now have a reciprocal arrangement to share with its members “selected” event information. This section provides information on two upcoming Toronto Chapter events.

April 15, 2008: FEI Canada, Toronto Chapter, Career Services Workshop. Registration Deadline 5pm, Wednesday, April 9, 2008 by e-mailing Liz Bowell at lb@passport.ca.

Executive Search Panel and Career Transition Q&A presented by John Koopman, Spencer Stuart, Beth Oakes, DHR International and Kriss Bush, FEI member and former CFO of two publicly traded Toronto based companies.

A panel of search executives discuss the current market for CFOs and other financial executives looking to climb the corporate ladder. The panel including John Koopman of Spencer Stuart, Beth Oakes of DHR International and Kriss Bush, former CFO of two publicly traded Toronto based companies will discuss key topics including public vs. private company alternatives, Canadian Headquartered vs. Canadian subsidiaries of foreign companies, what is the value of CFO IPO experience and other great questions that you have always wanted to ask your local area search executive.

Space is limited and must be reserved in advance no later than **5pm, Wednesday, April 9, 2008 by e-mailing Liz Bowell at lb@passport.ca**. The workshop is free of charge and open to FEI members only. The downtown Toronto location will be provided to attendees upon registration. Please be there no later than 6pm

April 22, 2008 - Dinner Meeting, Supply Chain Risk Management in a Global Economy, Steve Osselton, Managing Director, Marsh Risk Consulting Practice, Marsh Canada Limited. Details to follow.

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