



HAMILTON CHAPTER

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FEATURE

Your Hamilton Chapter Board brings you greetings for the festive season

On 22nd Nov, the Hamilton Chapter participated in an all day, on site, strategic planning session in conjunction with the FEI National Board of directors and all the FEI chapters across Canada. In addition to discussion about the FEI Canada strategic plan, other topics included FEI governance, a unified member experience across chapters and national support for chapters.

FEI Canada has identified five Strategic Directions

- Profile Branding
- Database mining
- Governance and Member experience
- Building a strong active and influential membership
- Compelling content

A three year commitment to profile branding has been made with a PR agency and over time we should see an enhanced profile for FEI Canada as it promotes reasoned thought on topics of professional interest.

FEI Canada maintains a database of prospective members across Canada and this will be used actively to market the benefits of membership. In collaboration with FEI Canada, your Hamilton Chapter has sent out over 500 invitation letters to prospective members from this database.

During his brief stint as acting President of FEI Canada, Victor Wells was instrumental in creating a governance document for the national organization. Based on that exercise, all Chapters have been asked to provide input during the month of December. We are proud to have Vic Wells continue on our Hamilton Board.

One of FEI Canada's objectives is to be the "Voice of Finance in Canada". Accordingly, the membership base needs to be strong, active and influential. The Board of the Hamilton Chapter is working tirelessly to bring compelling content to its members. Any contribution that you can make to this effort will be much appreciated.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CENTER

FEI is a vital communication tool for CFO's and all individuals that have similar responsibilities for their company. Southern Ontario is one of the most diverse corporate environments in Ontario. It is an economic zone that will likely feel the greatest impact of the current Canadian Dollar appreciation in terms of jobs and FEI membership. We are working hard to continue the presence of FEI in this Region. 2007 has been a busy year for everyone. Your reply to our Questionnaire in the spring has led to a full program in the fall and a continuation of rotating dinner locations and a time sensitive agenda. We hope that you will continue to support the efforts of your leadership team.

Howard Johnson has recently resigned as a member of our Executive Team. His leadership over the past 5 years has been critical to the continuation of the Hamilton FEI Chapter. He is continuing to support us as a sponsor and you will see him at the meetings as he is a firm believer in the Mission of FEI. His staff has been and continues to be of great assistance. Thank you Howard.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year at our events. Have a very enjoyable Holiday Season.

..... **Bob Rollwagen**

EVENTS CALENDAR (Please hold these dates on your calendar)

Feb 21, 2008 in Burlington –Gordon Heard, a versatile financial executive with over 15 years of experience in organizations of varying sizes, public and private will speak about IFRS and Canadian GAAP from both a public company and private company perspective.

March 19, 2008 in Oakville – Joint event with Certified Management Accountants (CMA). Kelly Lang, partner at Hunter Kielty Muntz and Beatty to speak about special risks insurance such as D&O, E&O, Private Equity Liability etc.

April 17, 2008 venue TBD - Michael Sherrard of Sherrard,Kuss - Labour Relations specialists will discuss current trends in the Legal, Political and Frontline for Workers in 2008.

May 15, 2008 venue TBD – Social event

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