

Dear Fellow FEI Canada Members:

As the 2015/2016 season winds up, I want to thank the sponsors, the members and especially our volunteer board members for making it such a great year for FEI Canada – Vancouver Chapter. For those of you fortunate enough to participate, I think we can all agree that our hard working board and committee members provided several unique, exclusive and new membership experiences this year. In addition, we're happy to report that the Vancouver Chapter increased membership, sponsorship, sponsorship engagement and in the last 10 months, delivered 32 events that have received overwhelmingly positive unsolicited feedback from attendees. We are in a great position to further this trend next season, which will be highlighted by the 2017 annual conference - just a short drive up the Sea to Sky highway in Whistler, BC.

I recently returned from the conference in Montreal and was reminded of what a great event FEI Canada puts on. I am only regretful that Jasper was my last conference seven years ago and that I allowed events like my wedding to conflict with FEI Canada conference dates, but alas I have learned my lesson. Where else can you listen to insights from executives like Calin Rovinescu, President and CEO of Air Canada and Michael Sabia, President and CEO of Caisse de depot et placement du Quebec or sit in on a forum featuring the likes of Xerxes Cooper (CFO of IBM Canada) and Arthur Gitajn (CFO of SAP Canada). For a full list of speakers and events at the conference, go to the FEI Canada website.

For those members that are interested in taking their FEI Canada membership to the next level, I strongly encourage you to join a committee or the board. If you are interested, please contact either myself or any board member. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall AGM/Kick-Off event.

Doug King



Bob Lenarduzzi, President, Vancouver Whitecaps, Doug King, Vancouver chapter President & Don Ford, VP Finance & Administration, Vancouver Whitecaps at the April 27 Special Panel & Whitecaps event

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Another FEI Canada year has come to a close and we enjoyed a diverse mix of events including the wildly successful “Shop Tour Series”, which enabled our FEI Canada members to attend tours of different companies (e.g. Lush Cosmetics, Purdys Chocolates and Bomber Brewing) in Vancouver. It’s been great to see this new event offering on top of our CFO Roundtable events, National Breakfast Seminars as well as our regular breakfast, lunch & dinner events with guest speakers.

At this time, I’m reaching out to anyone who is interested in getting more involved with the FEI Canada Vancouver Chapter. I am looking for 2 volunteers to join the Membership Committee. It’s an excellent way to meet other FEI Canada members and encouraging new members to join. So, please feel free to contact me to discuss more about this role and how you can become an integral part of growing the local membership.

One of the huge benefits of joining FEI Canada over the next year is the opportunity to attend the 2017 FEI Canada Conference for FREE, which will be taking place on June 14 to 16, 2017 at majestic Whistler, BC. We get a huge number of members joining the FEI Canada Vancouver Chapter during the year that we host it, because new members can attend the Conference and the logistics of getting to Whistler are very easy.

Our FEI Canada Vancouver Chapter membership held steady this past fiscal year and we have seen a number of new members join over the past 3 months.

Welcome to our newest FEI Canada Vancouver Chapter members:

- **Jeff Boomer** – ex-CFO at Earls Restaurants

- **Charles Chang** – CFO at SanMar Canada
- **Aga Jendo** – Director of Finance at The Terry Fox Foundation
- **Bryan Loree** – CFO at Rockland Minerals
- **Paul Robertson** – CFO at Orla Mining, Eco Oro Minerals and Quantum Advisory Partners LLP
- **Chris Smiley** – VP, Finance at Paladin Security
- **Michael Standbrook** – Director, Treasury & Risk Management at Interfor
- **Doug Wong** – Director, Finance & Corporate Services at Legal Services Society

Enjoy the Summer and I look forward to seeing you in September!

Danley Yip



Truffle making at Purdys Chocolatier

Members In the News

Bruce Colwill, CPA, CA – on April 2016, he was announced as the new CFO for General Fusion, which is a company created to develop fusion power based on magnetized target fusion. Bruce was previously the CFO for Entrée Gold, Neuromed, Response Biomedical, Forbes Medi-Tech and Euronet Services. Another interesting fact is that Bruce articulated with KPMG in Vancouver and moved to Poland to work for KPMG and Pepsi Cola International before returning back home.

Janice Comeau, CPA, CA – was recognized as a 2016 BC CFO Award winner under the Large Private Company category on June 2, 2016. She was also a winner at the 7th Annual Surrey Women in Business Awards Luncheon under the Corporate/Leadership category on March 8, 2016. Janice is currently the CFO for LMS Reinforcing Steel Group and has also worked in senior finance roles at Snack Alliance, Pulse Energy, Wesgroup Income Properties, Versacold and Bentall Corporation. Janice is a long-time FEI member since 1993 and was formerly the President for the FEI Vancouver Chapter.

Samson Lim, CPA, CA – was recognized as a 2016 BC CFO Award winner under the Publicly Accountable category on June 2, 2016. Samson is currently the SVP Administration & CFO for Peoples Trust, which is a Canadian financial institution offering mortgage lending, banking and investment services. He has previously worked in senior finance roles for Citizens Bank of Canada, Vancity and Telus.

Maggie Neilson, CPA, CGA – became the new CFO at Singer Valve in March 2016. Singer Valve designs and manufactures automated control valves for the global water industry. Maggie has previously worked as a CFO for Williams Moving & Storage (BC) Ltd. and Teldon Media Group. She has also been a Business Advisor for the Armstrong Group – Rocky Mountaineer and worked as a VP, Finance & later GM for SISU Inc.

Brian Pettipas, CPA, CA, CBV – became the Portfolio CFO & Director in March 2016 at Tricor Pacific Founders Capital Inc., which is a family-owned that combines 25 years of private equity experience in over 75 companies. Brian was the former CFO for CBV Collection Services and Global Container Terminals. He has also held senior finance roles with TSI Terminal Systems as well as with Sigma Aerospace (now Vector Aerospace Engine Services UK).

Brad Sather, CPA, CMA – became the CFO in March 2016 for BPL Management, which owns several Honda and Acura dealerships in BC. Brad was formerly the CFO at Falcon Equipment and has worked in senior finance roles with Conair Group, BC Pavilion Corporation and the McLean Group of Companies.

If you have any news to share about yourself, please send me an email at danley.yip@rhmr.com

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CROLL, John (Jack) Robert, FCPA, FCA 1927 – 2016

We regret to note the death on January 7, 2016 of FEI Canada life retired member Jack Croll. Jack was born in 1927 in frosty Winnipeg where he became a chartered accountant in 1952. He moved to West Vancouver in 1960 and held a variety of challenging financial executive roles in the forestry and mining sectors, including Placer Development, MacMillan Bloedel and Crestbrook Forest Industries from which he retired in 1992. He also served as senior economic policy advisor to Senator Jack Austin in the early 1980s. Jack was proud to have been a member of SFU's first executive MBA program in 1972. He became a member of SFU's Board of Governors and received an Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award in 1991. Among other accomplishments, he was President of the B.C. Institute of Chartered Accountants (1987) from which he also received a Lifetime Achievement

Award in 2003, was a director of the Financial Executives Institute of Canada, and served on the Council of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of B.C. of which he was awarded an honorary membership in 2002.

Jack and his wife Sheila married in 1960 and spent 40 wonderful years raising their family. Community involvement was important and Jack devoted his time to his church, Scouts Canada and a variety of fundraising efforts in particular the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration Project. He received the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster for the Anglican Church in 2010. Jack greatly enjoyed time with his family and friends who fondly remember his enduring wit. To spend time with Jack was to laugh, to enjoy life and to remember not to take anything, especially yourself, too seriously.

Hugh Lindsay

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We have continued our assortment of events including breakfast or lunch sessions, CFO Roundtables, one - off special events and our new “Shop Tours”.

Our special event with the Honourable Bill Morneau was a great success and quickly sold out. Our members took advantage of this opportunity to hear directly from Canada’s Minister of Finance. This was a great collaboration leveraging our relationship with the Vancouver Board of Trade.

Another unique event followed with the Whitecaps panel and game presented by our Gold Sponsor Aon Reed Stenhouse. We opened up this event for members to bring colleagues and guests which resulted in a great group. The panel discussion followed by Club seats for the game went over very well.

The chapter also ran its own event, Developing a Coaching Culture, with the VP Human Resources from Joey’s Restaurants taking the time to share his expertise and experiences with this approach. This was a fresh and very interesting presentation which included group work at the tables in addition to the presentation of the theory. Members left with a better understanding of what coaching actually is and of the bottom line impact coaching can have.

We had a great event on a houseboat in False Creek discussing the business environment in South America. That was followed by a National Breakfast series event with Cambridge Global Payments focused on their foreign currency outlook for 2016 at the Vancouver Club. This was a great venue and a very energetic and informative speaker.

Later in May, one of our Gold Sponsors, Ryan Tax Services hosted a session on Government Funding Opportunities. This was another valuable and

timely topic for Members. PWC, a Gold Sponsor as well, then hosted a great breakfast session focussed on Business Resiliency.

We had another co-sponsored event in May with a few tables of Members enjoying the BC CFO of the Year awards banquet at the Four Seasons hotel.

To wrap up June, we had a phenomenal Shop Tour of Purdys Chocolatier which was open to guests. We took a break from our day jobs and looked like a bunch of chocolate scientists with white coats and hairnets! We toured the facilities, learned about the company history directly from the CFO and made our own tray of truffles to take home.

We ran another roundtable event in late June which was focused on understanding the Five Dysfunctions of a Team. We had a great outside presenter and the attendees themselves generated an energetic interactive discussion and we got to know each other a little bit more.

We hope you are enjoyed the mix and quantity of events this year. Keep your eyes open for more social events this year and watch the website as we attempt to lock down dates and events for next fall. Thanks for all your energetic participation this year and your openness to new events.

<https://www.feicanada.org/vancouver/chapter-events#>

Dave Andru

If you have any comments or feedback about FEI Canada Vancouver events or have an idea or suggestion for an event, roundtable or shop tour please send them directly to me at davea@kitandace.com or any other board member.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event Type</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Location</i>
September 2016	Fall Kick-Off & AGM	Date & Details TBA	TBA
November 2016	Annual Wine Evening	Date & Details TBA	TBA

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