

Dear Fellow FEI Canada Members:

As the 2016/2017 season winds up, I want to thank the members, sponsors and especially our volunteer board members for making it such a great year for FEI Canada – Vancouver Chapter.

For the 45 or so Vancouver chapter members fortunate enough to participate at the Whistler Conference June 14-16, I think we all would agree that Vancouver hosted a very memorable event which we all have every right to be proud of and which sets a very high bar for next year's convention in Halifax. I know the Halifax conference team is beginning preparations for an equally memorable event which I am sure will include a lobster or two. Conference was a great time to connect (and re-connect) with peers from across the country and have a chance to hear the lineup of inspiring speakers and panelists including participation from our very own Patrice Impey represented the City of Vancouver on the Climate Change panel with UBC's James Tansey, Trimark Transportation's Scott Calver and BC Investment Corp's Jennifer Coulson while Cheryl Yaremko and Tony Guglielmin featured as participants on the CFO panel alongside CFO of the Year winner Gord Nelson (Cineplex) and Sujeet Kini moderated a panel on Artificial Intelligence. Other headline speakers included Vancouver's Ryan Holmes (Hootsuite), John Garofalo (Goldcorp) and John Ruffolo (OMERS) who all provided uplifting and inspirational thoughts on leadership and growth. The closing keynote was a very inspiring and moving session with Craig Kielberger, co-founder of the WE Movement. For any of you who are not aware of the WE movement, I would urge you to visit the WE website and be inspired by this uplifting story of how a Canadian 12 year old began a global movement focussed on people coming together to empower those less fortunate. [Click here](#) to learn more about WE.

A special thanks to all the volunteers from the Vancouver Chapter (Jeff Shickele-Conference Chair and in no particular order Doug King, Gail Davidson, Danley Yip, Iain Ball, Sujeet Kini, Roger Bissoondatt, Peter Ballachey, Eduard Epshtein) and the National office folks who put their time and effort into making the Whistler Conference such a resounding success. Finally, a special mention to Michael Conway who after 10 years of service as the National President and CEO has stepped down from his position effective the closing of the Whistler Conference to reside full time in Kelowna with his wife. Please join me in thanking Michael for his many years of service as he remains an active participant in our Vancouver chapter and joins us in some of our upcoming events. A search for a new President and CEO for FEI Canada has been initiated and the expectation is that a new President and CEO will be announced in the fall.

I think we can all agree that our hard-working board and committee members put on a host of great events and membership experiences this year. The Events Committee led by Dave Andru with Jessica Jang, Gail Davidson, David Huber and Sonia Graham worked hard all year to deliver a quality events calendar. Our goal throughout this year has been to provide a mix of events that feature content directly applicable to the needs of financial leaders while also providing great opportunities for networking and fun. I think our events team achieved this objective with resounding success and planning is already underway for our new 2017/18 year with Vancouver chapter participating in a golf tournament with ACG (Association for Capital Growth) August 24th. Please continue to respond to the post event feedback surveys as we seek to always improve our events and appreciate the feedback. As always, we encourage our members to bring their ideas for events, round-tables or shop tours.

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2016/17 was an outstanding year for membership growth with our chapter membership having increased from 187 to 210 members, a net increase of 23 members. For the increase in membership a special thanks to the Membership Committee led by Danley Yip with support from Brad Cruikshank, Anne Yu and Stephen Majlath. As well a thank you to our sponsors who actively promote FEI Canada to their customers, bringing out new prospects, some of whom have signed up as new members in the past year.

Speaking of Sponsorship, a thank you to Eduard Epshtein and Roger Bissoondatt for their commitment in working with our sponsors to promote FEI Canada and create tangible benefits for both members and sponsors. As always, we value the participation of our sponsors and recognize that there are competing interests for their time and attention. As always, we urge our membership to think of our sponsors when there is an opportunity to work with them.

As well a thank you to Hugh Lindsay for his continuing efforts to engage on behalf of our FEIsters group and for his efforts with Gail Davidson on our Careers in Transition group which seeks to connect our membership with new career opportunities and otherwise provide support for members in transition.

I also wanted to recognize Oliver Piekaar for his efforts as chapter Secretary and editor of our newsletter, Peter Ballachey who regularly volunteers his time to introduce our speakers at events while also serving as our Treasurer and Doug King for his efforts in partnering our local chapter with other groups such as Business in Vancouver, Vancouver Board of Trade and Association for Capital Growth.

A final special mention to Liz Bowell who keeps our board organized and the chapter running so smoothly.

And, I want to thank you all for your support and encouragement this past year. As always, I say the value of your membership is what you make of it. To get the most out of your membership experience I would encourage you to be involved in your chapter bringing your ideas and participation.

Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Fall AGM/Kick-Off event.

Timm Kukler



Timm Kukler, Roger Bissoondatt, Gail Davidson, Eduard Epshtein, Doug King, Dave Andru, Danley Yip, Jeff Shickele, Brad Cruickshank



Annual Conference CFO Panel session with Vancouver chapter members Cheryl Yaremko & Tony Guglielmin (2nd & 4th from left)

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Another year has come and gone. However, the Vancouver Chapter has experienced tremendous membership growth this past year, which has a lot to do with a very strong Metro Vancouver economy as well as the recent 2017 FEI Canada Conference in Whistler. Throughout the year, we offered our members a diverse range of events, which enabled us to be the model Chapter in Canada where other Chapters were seeking advice and information from us.

The FEI Canada Vancouver Chapter membership finished the fiscal year with 210 members, which represented a net growth of 23 new members and we led the country with the greatest membership growth this past year.

I want to personally thank the Membership Committee which included: **Brad Cruickshank** (CFO, TransCan Leasing), **Anne Yu** (Director of Finance, American Hotel Income Properties REIT) and **Stephen Majlath** (AVP, Robert Half Management Resources) for the wonderful job that they did. Also, many thanks to the Vancouver Chapter Board members, who contributed greatly in the recruitment effort to bring new members into the fold.

At this time, I want to welcome our newest FEI Canada members, who have joined in the last 4 months:

- **Amir Abdollahzadeh** – COO – Containerworld
- **Jim Bennett** – CFO – Canusa Wood Products
- **Evan Brown** – CFO – Camanah Technologies
- **Bill Chan** – SVP & CFO – Encorp Pacific
- **Christina Cheung** – CFO – Procon Group of Companies
- **Gary Combrink** – Director of Finance – Containerworld
- **Michael Cooke** – SVP, Risk – First West Credit Union
- **Mehb Jessa** - CFO – Kasian Architecture
- **Tony Keung** – Senior Director, Finance & IT – BC Maritime Employers Association
- **Kristina King** – Director of Finance – Meridian OneCap
- **Ryan Layton** – Director of Finance, Budgets & Forecasts – BC Hydro
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- **Craig McMahon** – Global Vice President, Finance – SAP
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- **Kay Wong-Alafriz** – CFO - Kabam

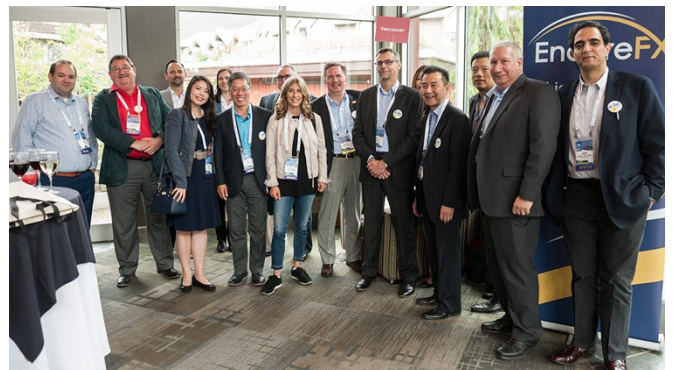
Members who have reinstated their membership:

- **Brad Bardua** – CFO – Gateway Casinos & Entertainment
- **Caroline Dunn** – CFO/COO – Vivonet
- **Elaine Hirji** – Consultant
- **Amy Lam** – EVP, Operations & CFO – CPABC

I also want to welcome Michael Conway, who recently retired as FEI Canada's President & CEO. Michael has transferred his FEI Canada membership to the Vancouver chapter at the end of June 2017.

Have an excellent Summer and I look forward to seeing everyone again in September!

Danley Yip



Annual Conference - new member reception

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Roger Bissoondatt, CPA, CA, CMA – is currently the CFO at BC Liquor Distribution Branch and was one of the winners of the Business in Vancouver 2017 BC CFO Awards under the Publicly Accountable category. Roger will also be the incoming President for the FEI Vancouver Chapter for 2017-18.

Tony Guglielmin, MBA – is currently the CFO at Ballard Power and was one of the winners of the Business in Vancouver 2017 BC CFO Awards under the Transformation Agent category. Tony was previously the SVP & CFO for Canada Line Rapid Transit, VP, Corporate Treasurer at Finning International and Corporate Treasurer for BC Hydro.

Brad Bardua, CPA, CA – is back as the CFO for Gateway Casinos & Entertainment, which is Canada's largest and most diversified gaming & entertainment company. Brad was previously the CEO & CFO at Endurance Wind Power, as well as the CFO at Avigilon and Pacific BioEnergy.

Kay Wong-Alafriz, CPA, CA, CFE, ICD.D – is now the CFO for Kabam, which is an entertainment company that is one of the world leaders in AAA console quality games on mobile devices. Kay was previously the SVP, Operations & Finance at Mobetize, SVP, Finance & ERM at Asia Coast Development, Senior Director, Internal Audit & Corporate Governance at Impark and Senior Project Director, Corporate Governance and Risk Management at Great Canadian Gaming Corporation.

Anne Yu, CPA, CA – was promoted to VP, Finance at American Hotel Income Properties, REIT LP. She was previously a Controller at Sterling Shoes and MDSI Mobile Data Solutions. Anne will also be the incoming Vice President for the FEI Vancouver Chapter for 2017-18.

Members in the News

Graham Holliday, CPA, CA – retired in June 2017 as the CFO of Mosaic Homes, an award-winning real estate developer headquartered in Vancouver. Graham is now going to move to Nicaragua to help support the education of Nicaraguan students to get into university. Graham was previously the CFO at Discovery Software and the Controller at Polygon Homes.

Issa Nakhleh, MBA – is now the CFO & Director at Tuangru, which produces next-generation data center management software. Issa was previously the CFO for Urthecast, Heart Force Medical, VRX Studios and TIR Systems. He has also worked in senior roles with Conasys Consumer Assurance Systems and Ultrasonix.

Jas Boparai, CPA, CA – is now the Managing Director and CFO at Skidmore Development Group. Jas was previously the EVP & CFO of Glentel, which was acquired by Bell Canada and Rogers. He was previously with The News Group and Canfor.

Clint Murphy, CPA, CA – is now the CFO at Mosaic Homes and was previously the Director of Finance & Administration at Ledingham McAllister and Wesgroup Properties and Wesgroup Captial.

Note* if you have any news to share about a new job, a Board appointment or an outstanding achievement, please let me know by emailing me at danley.yip@roberthalf.com

Danley Yip

FEIsters & Career Transition

Career Transition

On March 8, 2017, Vancouver chapter members who are in a period of transition or who are interested in pursuing contract work as a continuing business model met to gauge collective interest on a continuing association. Since that meeting, seven individuals have been meeting once monthly as the active committee of the Financial Mentors Group (“FMG”). The Financial Mentors Group began in the early 90’s, with FEI Canada members who were considering much the same questions. FMG was formed as a collegial association of consultants pursuing contract work for the purposes of sharing information among members and marketing.

The current FMG meetings focus on sharing what assignments are currently being worked on, what availability exists within the group, what business development efforts are being made by members & how to increase members/group market presence.

Anyone interested in learning more about FMG can contact Mr. Laurie Bristow at laurie.bristow@telus.net.

Hugh Lindsay

Conference



Gala Dinner in the Roundhouse on top of Whistler Mountain – Vancouver chapter members



Patrice Impey – Climate Change Panel



Jeff Shickele welcomes members to the conference



Sujeet Kini moderates the Artificial Intelligence session

Events

April – July

Welcome to the end of year check in for events. We closed out the year very strong with new members and increasing attendance at many events.

In April, we leveraged the Business in Vancouver event, Selling a Business at the Shangri-la Hotel and offered complimentary admission. We also heard from Doug Porter, the BMO economist, which is always a great session. We closed out the month with a National breakfast series with Cambridge Mercantile's Karl Schamotta talking currency on the Edge of Chaos.

May began with a great Ethics event at MNP. Yes, those hours count towards your CPA ethics requirement and we plan to do a two-hour ethics event each year to make it easy for you to stay current. Gold sponsor Ryan Tax Services hosted a great breakfast session on commodity tax and Gold Sponsor PwC ended the month with a session on Deal Talk.

The last stretch of the year kicked off with the Business in Vancouver 2017 BC CFO award dinner. We had 30 attendees there and two of the winners are Vancouver chapter members. [Roger Bissoondatt](#) from the BC Liquor Distribution Branch and [Tony Guglielmin](#) from Ballard Power Systems. To read more about them click the links in their names.

The chapter then hosted the national FEI Canada Conference in Whistler which was an incredible opportunity to showcase our west coast scenery while hearing from engaging speakers and networking with the best and brightest finance executives from across the country. The organizing committee's hard work and planning paid off and the conference went extremely well culminating in an inspiring keynote luncheon address with Craig Kielburger, co-founder of the WE movement.

We ended this year with a day out at the ball game with the Vancouver Canadians. We reserved the exclusive Coors Dugout suite for the game and it was a well-received event!

Our limited number of complimentary registrations for the Business in Vancouver / ACG Business Leaders golf tournament at the UBC Golf Course on August 24, 2017 have sold out. This is a great way to connect with other Vancouver chapter members on the course but also expand your network with an additional like-minded organization.

As always, we hope you enjoyed the mix and quantity of events this year.

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.



April & May breakfast events presented by Ryan (top) and PwC (bottom)

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Event Type</i>	<i>Detail</i>	<i>Location</i>
August 24, 2017	Special Event with ACG & Business in Vancouver	7 th Annual Business Leaders Golf Tournament	University Golf Club
September 12, 2017	Business Excellence Series	FinTech presented by Business in Vancouver	Shangri-La
September 13, 2017	Vancouver Whitecaps	Aon presentation: Extortion 3.0: The Evolving Risk of Cyber Extortion followed by a Whitecaps game	BC Place

If you are not receiving our event email invitations, please contact Liz at FEICVancouver@shaw.ca.

Event details are also available at <https://www.feicanada.org/vancouver/chapter-events#>



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