

November 2006

President's Report - November

On October 12th we had a lunch meeting with our special guest speaker, **Mossadiq Umedaly**, who is the Chairman of Xantrex Technologies. This was followed on October 24th by a sold out National Breakfast Seminar entitled, "Insights from Leading Finance Function". Our very own Chapter members, **Alistair Cowan** (BC Hydro) and **Robert McFarlane** (Telus) spoke on the changing role of the CFO from being a traditional accountant to a strategic business partner in an organization. We are getting outstanding turnouts to our events and thank everyone for their continued support!

In November we have 2 great events lined up. The first is our annual Wine Pairing Event which is on Thursday November 23rd. The venue is the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club and we have **John Schreiner**, a noted writer on wines, who will be providing commentary on the different wines that will accompany dinner. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your spouse or guest to an FEI event. Please check out this issue for the event prices.

Following the Wine Pairing Event, PwC will be hosting a breakfast meeting and providing an "Update on Income Trusts" on November 28th. This has become a very hot topic with the Conservative Government's proposed "Distribution Tax" to be imposed on publicly traded income trusts and public limited partnerships. This is an event not too be missed!

Our Chapter relies on corporate sponsors to support many of our events and if your company is interested in becoming a sponsor, please contact our Sponsorship Chair, **Issa Nakhleh**. Chapter sponsorship helps to raise an organization's profile in the FEI Vancouver Chapter and provides great networking opportunities.

Our newsletter is published on a monthly basis except in the Summer. Our Newsletter Editor, **Lynne Fraser**, has been doing a fantastic job over the years and she welcomes any feedback and ideas on how to improve the quality and content of the publication.

That's it for this issue. See you at our next FEI event!

Membership Report

FEI Vancouver chapter is pleased to welcome two new members this month:

- **Ryan Chan** is the VP Finance and CFO of Gibralt Capital Corporation
- **Terry Henderson** is the Chief Financial Officer of Aritzia Holdings Inc.

Welcome to FEI Vancouver chapter, hope to see you at our next chapter event.

The Vancouver chapter now has 239 members. We have two events scheduled in November and then a break until the beginning of 2007 where the New Year will kick off the many FEI activities. There will be a number of opportunities for to showcase what the chapter has to offer.

If you know someone who may be interested in FEI please forward their name to me [jeff.champion@telus.net] or one of the board members.



Jeff Champion

Vancouver Chapter Members in the News....

Ralph Leverton (Vancouver Chapter) and **Vic Wells** (Hamilton Chapter) completed the Directors Education Program of the Institute of Corporate Directors and are now hold the ICD.D certification.

Wayne Bingham (Vancouver Chapter), formerly of Finning International Inc., has been named the new CFO of Superior Plus Income Fund.

Ms. Janice Comeau (Vancouver Chapter) is now the Treasurer at Snack Alliance Inc.

Caroline J. Dunn (Vancouver Chapter), is now the new Chief Financial Officer at Courtyard Group Ltd.

Anthony Ariganello (Vancouver Chapter) has been named Secretary to the Executive Committee and the CGA-Canada Board of Directors.

FEI Vancouver Salutes our Sponsors !

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It is vitally important for our chapter to maintain and increase our corporate sponsors. Funds raised through sponsorship allow us to continually improve our programming and events.

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FEI Vancouver Golf Tournament Raises \$\$ for Kidsafe



We are very pleased to announce that the June golf tournament raised \$4,500 for the Kidsafe Project.

Our thanks to all participating members for your generosity!

Professional Development Worksheet

To help you in preparing your Continuing Professional Development report for 2006 here's a list of FEI events in Vancouver, plus the FEIC Conference and a reminder about credit for reading "Financial Executive". The worksheet is designed for professionals who report PD in January, but it may also be of use to those who report in other months.

| Date | Event Type | Detail | My PD credits |
|---|------------------------|---|---------------|
| January 18 | Dinner | James Terry, Executive Vice President and CEO, Rocky Mountaineer Vacations. | |
| February 16 | Breakfast | BC Economic Update Jock Findlayson, Business Council of BC | |
| February 23 | National Breakfast | Income Trusts in Canada KPMG and Russell Investment Group. | |
| March 23 | Breakfast | Operational Excellence: Six Sigma PWC & WorkSafe BC | |
| March 28 | National Breakfast | The Changing Canadian M&A Market Ernst & Young | |
| April 20 | Lunch CEO Event | Bob Ackles, President & CEO, BC Lions Football Club | |
| May 2 | Breakfast | Workplace Effectiveness The role of the Finance Function | |
| May 19th | Lunch | Budgeting in times of Surplus Carole Taylor, BC Minister of Finance | |
| June 22 | National Breakfast | Pension Risk: The Link Between HR and Finance. Watson Wyatt | |
| September 12 | National Breakfast | Say Goodbye to Canadian GAAP – Update on IFRS – CICA/ Ernst & Young | |
| September 19 | Lunch | Investment Outlook 2006-07 Patricia Croft, Phillips, Hager & North | |
| October 12 | Lunch | Sustainable Energy in BC Mossadiq Umedaly, Xantrex Tech. Inc | |
| October 24 | National Breakfast | Being the Best: Insights from Leading Finance Functions | |
| November 28 | Breakfast | Income Trust Update PWC | |
| Total | | | |
| Multi-day Conventions and seminars | | | |
| May 31 to June 2 | National Conference | FEIC Conference - Niagara Falls | |
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| Reading "Financial Executive" | | | |



Wine Pairing Event



On November 23rd, we will meet at the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club for an evening of great food, great wine and great company!

Come and meet our special guest and speaker. John Schreiner, winner of the 2002 Okanagan Wine Festival Founders Award. John's wine interest was fired by his first visit to the Napa Valley in 1975. Soon he began writing about wine in The Financial Post and in many other publications. He is the author of nine books on wine, beginning with The World of Canadian Wine, published in 1984. More recent writings have focused on the wines of British Columbia and on Icewine.

John has had an interesting and varied career and is sure to entertain!

Don't miss the FEI Vancouver Chapter social event of the season!



2006/2007 Events Listing

| <i>Date</i> | <i>Event Type</i> | <i>Detail</i> | <i>Location</i> |
|---------------------|-------------------|---|----------------------------|
| November 23rd, 2006 | Wine Tasting | Annual Wine Pairing Event | Royal Vancouver Yacht Club |
| November 28th, 2006 | Breakfast Meeting | PricewaterhouseCoopers An Income Trust Update | Fairmont Waterfront Hotel |
| January 25th, 2007 | Luncheon Meeting | Captain Gordon Houston, President & CEO, Vancouver Port Authority | TBA |
| February 15th, 2007 | Dinner Meeting | Feister's Recognition Event | TBA |
| March 15th, 2007 | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| April 19th, 2007 | TBA | CEO Event | TBA |
| May 17th, 2007 | TBA | TBA | TBA |
| June 6th—8th, 2007 | FEI Canada | North American Conference | Halifax, Nova Scotia |
| June 21st, 2007 | Golf Tournament | | |
| June 9th—11th, 2008 | FEI Canada | North American Conference | Jasper, Alberta |

Event Attendance Fees

Regular chapter members pay no fees for attending monthly meetings. There is no charge for first time guests of members. For **FEISTERS** and **Members in Transition**, the following fees apply:

Option One: Annual Fee

Option Two: Pay as you go

Attend all regular meetings:

\$100.00 per year

- Dinner Meetings \$40.00
- Lunch Meetings \$30.00
- Breakfast Meetings \$20.00

Please note that attendance fees for the Wine Tasting and AGM events are set separately!

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