



Northwest Territories Update

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2001-02 Annual General Meeting

Set aside Saturday, June 8th, 2001 for the ICANWT AGM!

This year's AGM will involve a trip to beautiful **Trout Rock Lake Lodge!** While more details will follow, the tentative schedule is to fly to the lodge the morning of June 8th, have lunch, have the AGM and all free time would be available to relax, fish, canoe. There will be an option to overnight, including all meals the next day, and return the evening of the 9th. There is a limited amount of space available, so plan to RSVP early.

Forms will be posted on the institute's web page in late April as well as mailed to you in May with the entire AGM package. Check out their website at www.enodah.com. Approximate costs will range from \$250 for the day only up to \$695 for overnighing. Final costs will be provided as soon as all the details are finalized.

"XYZ" Project

The XYZ Concept continues to forge ahead. The proposed new credential would be global, portable, broad based, competency based and governed by a standard of ethics. It will include a variety of professions covering areas such as accounting, law, human resources, IT marketing and other. Groups in France and Italy have signed up and South Africa is anticipated to join as well. All involved are concerned with economic cost/commitments. However the main thrust of the program is waiting for the AICPA vote scheduled for late summer. Two thirds of AICPA membership must support this initiative in order for the US to remain involved.

Survey's have been done in the (and currently being conducted in Canada) US indicating that a XYZ credential would increase the preference ranking among CEO, CFO and COO. In addition this same group of executives would be willing to pay a premium averaging 14% for a person, or 11% to a firm holding a XYZ credential. These surveys show that there is a demand for the proposed credential along with greater earning potential.

A more appropriate name is being worked on, one with global appeal. As such there is no website set up yet. Check out www.cica.ca/global for more information.

CA School of Business Update

CASB Fees

CASB has set its fees for the 2001-2002 fiscal period as follows: Initial Registration Fee \$175; Annual Student Dues \$550; and Fee for Modules #1 to #5, \$575.

The Western Institutes have paid for the development costs of CASB's eight modules. CASB has developed a detailed budget for delivery and maintenance of these modules and established fees that will enable the school to break even on operations. The Board of Directors is committed to maintaining a high quality product at the lowest possible cost to the students and approved training offices. Some suggest that student annual dues should approach what members pay because students receive most of the benefits that respective Institutes provide to full members; CASB student dues are less than the members' dues in all provincial jurisdictions.

A major difference between the "old" provincial programs and CASB is that students will spend an estimated 10 to 14 fewer hours out of the office. The impact of this difference may vary depending on firm policies, Institute programs, and student background, but there is value in CASB's increased flexibility.

Only candidates who passed all examinations and courses on their first attempt—approximately 50% of students—have proceeded at the current fee level. Re-taking examinations and courses adds not only to the costs of course fees, and often to the amount of dues paid, but in the amount of time students spend away from the training office. We estimate these factors increased the average cost per student by at least 10% to 15%. The CASB program expects to significantly reduce these added costs.

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CASB does not involve any added textbook costs. All required course materials are provided electronically. Also, the program will significantly reduce the need for the commercial "exam writing" schools which cost about \$2,500 per student. We believe CASB will make this type of support for students unnecessary.

For all these reasons, the fees established by CASB may appear to be higher than in the previous programs, but the school actually provides greater value for the dollar. We are confident that the accounting profession will agree once the new learning environment is experienced.

CASB Registration Process

CASB has asked the approved training offices to coordinate registrations of CASB students to ensure no students get missed.

There are three categories of CASB students: transition students who have been registered in the past with an Institute; new students beginning employment and registering between January 1 and March 31, 2001; and students who begin employment after March 31, 2001. All students must be registered before they can apply to enroll in a module. Students who are eligible to write the 2001 UFE will remain students of their respective Institutes.

The registrations of transition students will automatically transfer to CASB. Students who registered prior to March 16, 2001 get invoiced for their 2001-2002 annual student dues on April 1, 2001. Students who register after March 16, 2001, must enclose payment for both the registration fee (\$175) and the student dues (\$550) with the registration form.

Potential candidates should complete module application forms, available at calearn.com, to enroll in Modules #1 and #2 for June 1, 2001.

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Approved Budget – 2001 / 02

In 2000/01, Council had a large surplus. We plan to expand services to members in areas of advertising and professional development. In addition, the Institute Bylaws and Rules of Professional Conduct require revision. Accordingly a deficit is budgeted for the upcoming year.

INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF THE NWT & NUNAVUT BUDGET

For the Year Ending March 31,	2002
Revenue	
Membership Fees	19,940
Late/Readmission fees	150
Admission Fees	150
Practising Office Fees	2,150
Interest Income	1,800
Total Revenue	24,190
Expenditures	
AGM (Schedule 1)	1,650
Office Expenses (Schedule 2)	13,530
Handbook & Bylaws	5,500
Advertising	6,300
Professional Functions	500
Scholarship	1,500
Professional Development	2,000
Travel	3,650
Council Meetings	650
Interprovincial Services	200
Membership Services	60
Bank Charges & Interest	160
Total Expenditures	35,700
Deficit for the year	(11,510)

AGM - SCHEDULE 1

AGM event, less fees collected	1,400
Annual Report	150
Gifts & Awards	100
Total	1,650

OFFICE EXPENSES - SCHEDULE 2

Administrative Services	9,000
Office Supplies	380
Telephone & Fax	2,000
Postage & Courier	450
Photocopies	950
Web Site Development	750
Total	13,530

**Interested in becoming a Council member
of the Institute?**

**Or do you know another Chartered
Accountant who is interested?**

Look for nomination forms in the mail!