

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Dear Colleague:

This three day package of seminars has been put together by the three territorial professional accounting organizations:

- Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Northwest Territories & Nunavut
- Certified General Accountants Association of the Northwest Territories/Nunavut
- Certified Management Accountants of the Northwest Territories & Nunavut

We hope that you will find the subject matter interesting. This time around the seminars have a broad focus covering the following topics:

- Smoke & Mirrors (Retirement Planning)
- Enough Bull (Retirement Planning)
- Governance, Risk & Compliance
- Business Continuity
- Transitioning to Private Enterprise GAAP

We look forward to seeing you at the Professional Development days.

Angus Marks, CA
Institute of Chartered Accountants of the Northwest Territories & Nunavut

Nancy Magrum, CGA
Certified General Accountants Association of the Northwest Territories/Nunavut

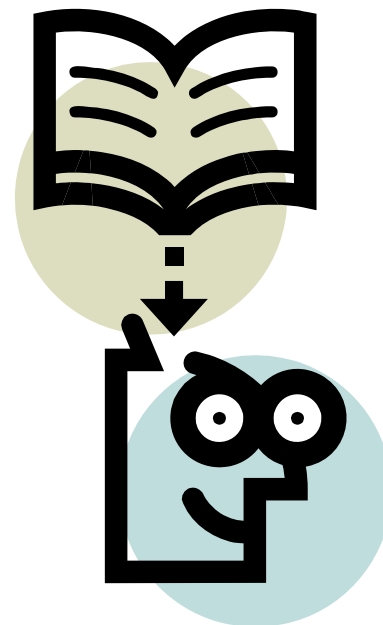
Christine Thorne, CMA, CGA
Certified Management Accountants of the Northwest Territories & Nunavut

Spring 2010

February 22nd – 24th, 2010

**Yellowknife Inn
Copper Room
Yellowknife, NT**

Snacks and Beverages Provided



Spring 2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

SMOKE & MIRRORS: FINANCIAL MYTHS THAT WILL RUIN YOUR RETIREMENT DREAMS

Day 1 – Monday, February 22nd, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Yellowknife Inn – Copper Room

Smoke & Mirrors: Financial Myths That Will Ruin Your Retirement Dreams

The objective of this half day seminar is to identify and discuss common myths associated with retirement and provide tips for fighting back.

Seminar Outline:

This seminar is designed to cut through sales pitches and get to the simple truth about your own retirement plans and investments. If you read the papers and listen to the “experts”, you’ve heard the standard answers: start an RRSP early and maximize your contributions, trust the stock market and mutual funds for the best returns, put your faith in a financial advisor. But what if those answers are wrong? Maybe they are. By attending this seminar, you will learn the truth about these myths.

Handouts:

- Each attendee will be provided with reference materials and the presenter’s book on the subject matter.

Presented by David Trahair, CA•

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ENOUGH BULL: HOW TO RETIRE WELL WITHOUT THE STOCK MARKET, MUTUAL FUNDS OR EVEN AN INVESTMENT ADVISOR

Day 1 – Monday, February 22nd, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM, Yellowknife Inn – Copper Room

Enough Bull: How to Retire Well Without the Stock Market, Mutual Funds or Even an Investment Advisor

The objective of this half day seminar is to highlight strategies to increase retirement income and minimize risk in the current environment of investment volatility.

Seminar Outline:

The stock market crash of 2008 has proven one thing: traditional retirement planning advice simply doesn’t work. The risks are too enormous. Trusting the stock market is like gambling with your family’s future. But how do you plan for retirement without risking everything? The number one rule of personal finance: avoid any strategy that can lead to personal financial disaster. You’ll learn all about the different types of cons and scams that trap many people. You will then discover how to invest in 100% safe investments that can never decline in value. We’ll compare returns of the stock market to simple GICs over the last decade and longer. You might be surprised at the results. The strategy will ensure every dollar you save will be guaranteed by the Federal Government so you’ll get your money back even if your financial institution fails with the Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Handouts:

- Each attendee will be provided with reference materials and the presenter’s book on the subject matter.

Presented by David Trahair, CA•

**Spring 2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
GOVERNANCE, RISK AND COMPLIANCE**

Day 2 – Tuesday, February 23rd, 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM, Yellowknife Inn – Copper Room

Governance, Risk and Compliance

The objective of this seminar is to provide an overview of organizational risk management.

Seminar Outline:

This seminar will look at the importance of governance, compliance, infrastructure and ownership while maintaining a streamlined risk management infrastructure. It will further discuss the importance of implementing organizational risk intelligence within the current business environment.

Presented by A. K. (Vis) Viswanathan

**Spring 2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
BUSINESS CONTINUITY**

Day 2 – Tuesday, February 23rd, 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM, Yellowknife Inn – Copper Room

Business Continuity

The objective of this seminar is to provide a general overview of business continuity.

Seminar Outline:

This seminar will define what business continuity is, why it is important and why using a tailored approach, rather than a cookie cutter one will yield better results for an organization. It will also highlight some of the key initial considerations for businesses as they embark on building a business continuity plan including critical process identification, current state assessments and the value of regular testing. Finally it will briefly touch upon pandemic planning as an aspect of business continuity and some recent lessons learned in the last wave of the H1N1 virus.

Presented by Rachel Hayward

**Spring 2010 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS
TRANSITIONING TO PRIVATE ENTERPRISE GAAP**

Day 3 – Wednesday, February 24th, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Yellowknife Inn – Copper Room

Transitioning to Private Enterprise GAAP

The objective of this one day seminar is to provide an overview of the new standards for private enterprises.

Seminar Outline:

This full-day seminar provides a comparison of current GAAP standards contained in CICA Handbook - Accounting XFI, with additional references to the current CICA Handbook – Accounting, with the proposed standards being issued for non-publicly accountable enterprises and not-for-profit organizations. This seminar will review all the changes being considered and proposed, for non-publicly accountable enterprises in Canada to provide participants with the opportunity to understand what will change and how these changes will impact the financial statements of these entities.

Handouts:

- Each attendee will be provided with reference materials.

Presented by Kim Varey, CA

PRESENTERS



David Trahair, CA• David is a straight-shooter able to explain the often confusing world of personal finance in plain English. Audiences love David's no-nonsense style and the fact that his views are totally independent. There are no sponsors behind the scenes shaping what he says. David says and writes about what he wants to - unfiltered advice for the hard-working Canadian. He has experience with public speaking having given talks and courses to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario, the Certified Management Accountants of Ontario, the Human Resources Professional Association of Ontario (HRPAO), the Purchasing Manager's Association of Canada, several Provincial Government small business associations, a consortium of CA firms and University classes. David is a Board member of the Credit Canada, a registered charity dedicated to providing consumer-oriented credit counselling services to families and individuals.



A. K. (Vis) Viswanathan• Vis is an Associate Partner at Deloitte and leads the Enterprise Risk practice for Northern Alberta. He has been in the Deloitte Enterprise Risk function for more than 12 years and his experience covers a variety of industries. He has 25+ years of experience encompassing various areas such as controllerships, financial and systems audit, process reengineering, application implementation / integrity. He has assisted many clients manage their risks in business processes and integrate controls and security as an integral part of the process. Vis has presented in various forums such as Business Risk Management sessions, IT Controls and Audit Annual Conference held by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and Corporate governance events in Canada and India. Vis was one of the technical reviewers of ISACA's SAP Audit and Controls book's first edition.



Rachel Hayward• Rachel is a senior consultant in Enterprise Risk Services with Deloitte. As the risk management lead for the Edmonton Deloitte office, Rachel's focus with the firm involves working with clients to achieve risk management standards in the areas of business continuity, records and information management, and privacy. She has extensive experience working with stakeholders at all levels to determine and define business requirements for the development of taxonomies, policies, procedures, and privacy frameworks. She regularly conducts interviews, workshops and strategy sessions. Recently, she has been assisting clients in pandemic planning preparations as a subset of business continuity management. This work has included pandemic plan reviews, the provision of presentations on pandemic planning and its relationship to business continuity management for not-for-profit associations and the private sector.



Kim Varey, CA• Kim has instructed a wide range of courses in financial accounting, assurance and management / leadership for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Alberta, as well as Mt Royal College, AuditWatch Canada Inc. and the CA School of Business. She also consults on technical GAAP/GAAS and efficiency issues directly to accounting firms and corporate clients and through Malley Associates. Her background includes eleven years in public practice with concentration in owner-managed businesses, agriculture, biotech, public sector and the oil and gas industry. Currently she serves on the Board of Foothills Land Trust and is extensively involved with Calgary Search and Rescue.

Spring 2010 Professional Development Days Registration Form

	Day 1 Monday February 22 nd	Day 2 Tuesday February 23 rd	Day 3 Wednesday February 24 th
8:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Smoke & Mirrors	Governance, Risk and Compliance (This session only from 9:30 am to 11:30 am)	Transitioning to Private Enterprise GAAP
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Enough Bull	Business Continuity (This session only from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm)	Transitioning to Private Enterprise GAAP

REGISTRATION PAYMENT – *payment must accompany registration*

Day 1: Smoke & Mirrors
Enough Bull

Per seminar: Members - \$150.00 (157.50 incl GST)
Non-Members - \$175.00 (183.75 incl GST)

Day 2: Governance, Risk & Compliance
Business Continuity

Per seminar: Members - \$100.00 (105.00 incl GST)
Non-Members - \$125.00 (131.25 incl GST)

Day 3: Transitioning to Private
Enterprise GAAP

Per seminar: Members - \$300.00 (315.00 incl GST)
Non-Members - \$350.00 (367.50 incl GST)

REFUND POLICY: Refunds will be processed up to Feb 5th at no charge. Refunds will be processed between Feb 6th - 12th subject to a 25% administration charge to cover reference materials and other non-refundable expenses. No refunds will be processed after Feb 12th. Name changes are permitted up to February 19th.

Seminars Registering for: _____

I wish to pay by: **Cheque** **Visa** **MasterCard** **Total \$** _____ **GST exempt**

*Please include 5% GST

Card Number _____

Expiry Date _____ **Signature** _____

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5016 - 50th AVENUE
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CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS BY: Fax: (867) 873-4469 Phone: (867) 873-5620 E-mail: admin@cga-nwt-nu.org

IN PERSON (CHEQUE OR CREDIT CARD): Staff will be available to process your registration from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.
(closed for lunch from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ **BUSINESS PHONE** _____ **EMAIL ADDRESS** _____