

AFOA ATLANTIC CANADA

Working together for successful First Nations management!

Summer 2007 Newsletter

EXCITING NEWS !! AFOA ATLANTIC IS NOW OFFICIAL !

The establishment of the AFOA of Atlantic Canada was made official on November 8, 2006. The Memorandum of Understanding between AFOA Atlantic Canada and AFOA Canada was signed during the AFOA National Conference in Vancouver, February 20-25, 2007. Carol Ann Barnaby, who was the Vice-Chair of the Atlantic Chapter at that time, signed the document.

Our current board members and their email contact info are listed at the bottom of this newsletter. The Atlantic Board is considering adding 1-2 more members to the Board. If you are interested please contact any one of our current Board members. We would appreciate these names as soon as possible.

AFOA NATIONAL CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 2007

The presentations, plenary-keynote speakers' talks, and other information presented at this conference are now available online through the afoa.ca website. Copies of this material are free to AFOA members and at a cost of \$49 plus tax for non-members.

The next AFOA Canada conference will be held at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel in Montreal from February 12—14th, 2008. Check afoa.ca regularly for agenda and registration information!

CICA FOCUS GROUP

It was felt that research was required in regards to the accountability of First Nations. AFOA has conducted focus group sessions over the past few months to address this issue.

The accounting practices First Nations follow now are the Generally Accepted Accounting Practices or GAAP. By January, 2009; this may be changed to Public Sector Accounting or PSA. This is the one that the governments in Canada follow. However it, like GAAP, does not address First Nation Governments and their uniqueness. The group doing the research has convened 6 Regional Focus Groups across Canada. The Atlantic focus group session was held March 13, 2007; in Moncton.

Once all the Focus Group Meetings take place, a report should be available in July or August, 2007. It will be sent out to all the participants for comments. The final report should be published in June 2008.

WATCH FOR INFORMATION ON THE NEXT WORKSHOP .. COMING SOON !!

How to contact your board members:

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Ernie Daniels, President of AFOA Canada welcoming delegates to our January workshop

Our first workshop, held January 24, 2007, was a great success! There were 44 attendees and 31 of them were from First Nations. The evaluations which were done at the end of the workshop were very helpful and will be used to guide us in selecting agenda items for future workshops. We will be contacting some of you for permission to use your comments in promoting future workshops.

We now have 52 members, 24 of whom are CAFMs.

AFOA MEMBERSHIP

Certified Members of AFOA have until June 30, 2007; to renew their membership. Regular members had until March 31, 2007; to renew their membership. If your membership expires, penalties will apply for reinstatement.

Contact us for more info.

We welcome your suggestions for future workshop topics and other ways that we can make AFOA Atlantic a successful chapter.