President's Message

I must confess that I am always disappointed by the small number of nominations CAIRP receives each year to recognize the many dedicated volunteers who are at the heart of everything that CAIRP does.

I know, in our busy world, that it is easy not to take the time to recognize how much others have contributed. But look around you and I am sure that a number of outstanding members will come to your mind.

CAIRP has four awards that it gives out each year to recognize various forms of achievement: Fellowship, Keith G. Collins Memorial Award, New Members Award of Merit and the Outstanding Volunteer Award.

This year, let's take a moment to recognize our peers and send in lots of nominations!

- Mark Yakabuski, President and Chief Operating Officer

Honours and Awards

This is a reminder that the Honours and Awards nomination deadline is approaching. CAIRP encourages you to submit nominations for the following awards:

Fellowship Award - Deadline April 30, 2017

The Association's highest award to members who have given exemplary service and brought distinction to the profession and the Association.

Keith G. Collins Award - Deadline April 30, 2017

This award is given to an individual who has displayed Keith's positive attributes of integrity, courtesy and professionalism; someone respectful of others, unpretentious and who shows the willingness to mentor and share knowledge and demonstrate community service.

New Members Award of Merit - Deadline April 30, 2017

The New Member's Award of Merit recognizes a new member (someone who has obtained their CIRP within the past five years) who demonstrates outstanding excellence in their profession through volunteer leadership in CAIRP and/or volunteer service in other community organizations.

Outstanding Volunteer Award – Applications can be presented at any time (no form necessary)

This award is given to someone who has given exceptional volunteer service to the Association through one or more specific activities and/or provided continuous support to the Association.

For more information about the CAIRP Honours and Awards, please visit our website: http://www.cairp.ca/insolvency-professionals/joining-cairp/honours-and-awards/

Please send your completed nomination forms (attached) to the attention of the Honours and Awards Nominating Committee via email to info@cairp.ca or by surface mail at the following address:

CAIRP
Honours and Awards Committee
277 Wellington St. W
Toronto ON M5V 3H2

Update on OSB Licence Administration Application (OLAA)

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy (OSB) is moving from a paper-based process for administration of Licensed Insolvency Trustee licences to an online model.

The OSB Licence Administration Application (OLAA) is a web-based, self-serve interface for trustee candidates and LITs that will allow for completion of common license administration tasks online. LIT candidates for the 2017 Oral Boards will be applying online this year and will use the application to track the status of their request.

Later this year, more features will be added, allowing all LITs to view, update and maintain administrative licence information; pay licence fees; and submit requests for changes, both for individual and corporate licences. The application will also include an enhanced Licensed Insolvency Trustee Directory, making it easier for consumers to find an LIT in their area.

Watch for the new OSB Licence Administration Application rolling out this year.

CAIRP 2017 Events

Register HERE. For more information about CAIRP events, including group registrations, contact Events Manager, Natalie Alfano, at natalie.alfano@cairp.ca or 416-204-3245.

CAIRP 2017 Annual Conference

This year's Annual Conference will be held in Kelowna, British Columbia from Tuesday, August 22rd – Thursday, August 24th at the Delta Grand Okanagan.

We will be bringing something new and fresh for attendees this year, beginning with the **new weekday schedule**. CAIRP chose to have the event during the week to ensure that hotel rates were reasonably priced for attendees, as rates increase significantly over the weekend. Information on booking accommodations will be available in the coming weeks.

Secondly, we are excited to bring you a **new format** this year that will differ from the traditional model of three half-days of educational programming.

The Annual Conference Committee is busy putting together a fantastic schedule of educational programming and entertainment – stay tuned for more details!

Forty under Forty – Michelle Grant

Michelle Grant of Ernst & Young Inc. was recently named winner in this year's Business in Vancouver Forty under 40 awards. An active member in the restructuring community, she is known for her expertise in the metal and mining sector and recently won numerous industry awards including Mining and Metals Deal of the Year and Cross-border Deal of the Year.

A true leader in her field, she was acknowledged by the Association of Women in Finance as a Rising Star at the 2016 PEAK awards. More information about her accomplished career can be found here: https://www.biv.com/article/2016/12/michelle-grant/.

Upcoming CQP Events

February 28, 2017 - ICQC Registration Deadline (2nd session)
March 24, 2017 - Deadline to enroll in the Core Knowledge course to write the Core Knowledge Course Exam in September 2017
April 28, 2017 - Deadline to submit the Applied Knowledge course assignments marks to write the CNIE in October 2017

CQP Connect

CQP Connect, available through **LinkedIn groups**, is a place where you can meet other articling associates and become part of the CQP/Insolvency Community. We created this virtual meeting place at the request of candidates who want to network with colleagues in various different types of practices, whether consumer or corporate, local, regional or national, large or small, etc., in order to gain insight into a more varied breadth of experience through interaction.

By joining CQP Connect, you can make that connection early in the program as you are going through the course materials rather than waiting until near the end - at the CNIE Tutorial, for example, where such connections have often been made in the past.

CQP Connect is open only to articling associates at all levels in the program.

Making professional connections in the insolvency and restructuring community could be critical to your program success! Join CQP Connect today at https://www.linkedin.com/groups/CQP-Connect-8239247

Tell Us Your Story!

Do you have a story to tell about someone in the insolvency profession? Are you or your company doing something extraordinary that the insolvency community should know about? Drop CAIRP a line at andrew.flynn@cairp.ca and share your experiences in *What's Happening!*