



Circle For Aboriginal Relations (CFAR) Society Newsletter

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Mission Statement: *To provide support, information and networking opportunities to members.*

Hello Members — we're back — from a very successful luncheon in Edmonton!



Guest speaker David Tuccaro engaged an audience of about 80 active listeners as he spoke on building community capacity. Participants, made up of a peer group of professionals representing communities, industry and government took the opportunity to ask questions of David and network in a relaxing and candid way. A very informative session enjoyed by all! Thanks to the Edmonton Petroleum Club — a very gracious host.

Feedback forms we gathered from our luncheon guests, and other thoughts we've received from members over the last few months, will be summarized in our next newsletter. In the meantime, our thanks to the CFAR Board for their efforts in planning this event, and an extra thank-you to Doreen Healy, Ethel Winnipeg, and Rob Barber for ensuring the details were all well managed.

Speaking of the Board: It's always difficult to get all the volunteer Board members together in the same room, at the same time. However, they're doing a fantastic job getting our Society going, so we need to ensure they get recognized. And what better way than with pictures and some personal profiles. In this issue we highlight some of our Board – our next issue will highlight some others.

Just a reminder of upcoming events: March 6th (yes, just a week away) is our next luncheon in Calgary at the Carriage House Inn, Windsor Ballroom (we moved to a larger room because of ticket demand!!). Mel Benson, member of the Beaver Lake Cree Nation and Director of Suncor, is our guest speaker. Based on his domestic and international experience Mel will talk about community capacity-building tools. Registration begins at 11:30, with lunch starting at 12-noon sharp! Purchase tickets before Feb 28th to get an extra discount. Contact our registrar (Christine) at (403) 271-2262 or e-mail cfarsoc@telus.net. We accept Visa and MasterCard.

You should have seen our May 16/17 conference brochure by now, but if you haven't, please contact Christine, and she'll be happy to send you one. This is going to be a great conference with guest speaker **Beth Beloff**, founder of the Institute for BRIDGES to Sustainability, speaking on 'building bridges to strengthen aboriginal relations'. The conference will be held at the new (and fabulous) **Marriott at River Cree Resort** (CFAR conference room rate of just \$99!). Our host, **Chief Ron Morin**, will be there to welcome you to the Enoch Reserve, just five minutes from West Edmonton Mall. **AND**, if you obtain your 2007-2008 CFAR membership now, you will not only get the member price for the conference, but you will also get the early-bird conference discount if you buy tickets before March 30th.

CFAR News: A warm welcome to Christine Schreuder who has agreed to become our membership manager and ‘doer-of-many-things’ for CFAR. Christine is the person to call about memberships and tickets to upcoming events. Thanks for joining us, Christine!

Membership Drive 2007-2008.

As our first fiscal year is now almost over, we'll soon be starting our membership drive for the 2007-2008 fiscal year, ending March 31, 2008. We have not increased our fees, but as a Society we are now registered for GST (our number is in the form below). We encourage you to renew your membership now and encourage others (including your employer) to join us.

Some of the member benefits and savings you can enjoy include:

- An annual conference with keynote speakers on current issues.
- An electronic newsletter keeping you informed on activities.
- Periodic workshops focused on member-driven topics.
- Networking with liaison professionals in a non-political environment.
- Sharing experiences and best practices among respected professionals.
- Enhancing your personal development and on-the-job effectiveness.
- A great sponsorship and networking opportunity for corporate members.

Membership Form

First Name _____	Last Name _____
Organization or company _____	
Address _____	Phone () _____ Fax () _____ e-mail _____

I wish to apply for CFAR Society membership as a (please check your category of membership):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular annual membership.....\$150.00 (+GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student annual membership.....\$ 25.00 (+GST)
Student I.D. _____ Expected year of graduation _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal community member, retired or non-profit annual membership.....\$ 50.00 (+GST) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate annual membership.....\$ 1,000.00 (+GST) |

Receipt will be issued upon submission of payment.

GST # 851153320

Payment Method: Corp. cheque Personal cheque Cash (don't mail) Visa MasterCard

C. Card number _____ Name _____ Expiry date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Note: Make cheque payable to the - Circle For Aboriginal Relations Society.

Corporate Members

Our corporate membership includes the following companies who have not only been generous in supporting CFAR with donations and student sponsorships, but also in lending their employees' time to assist the Board with developing our society and event planning:

- BP Canada Energy
- Enbridge Pipelines Inc.
- EnCana Corporation
- Golder Associates Ltd.
- Husky Energy Inc.
- RBW Waste Management Ltd.
- TransCanada PipeLines Limited

We also want to recognize other companies who are not corporate members, but who have allowed their employees to sit on the CFAR Board and offer their skills:

- Alberta Energy and Utilities Board
- Albert & Associates Ltd.
- Penn West Energy Trust
- C F B & Associates Inc.
- Sikksika Environmental Ltd.

Introducing the Board:



Rob Barber - President

Rob Barber, a NAIT graduate with a diploma in Petroleum Technology, was immediately hired by the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (EUB) to work as an inspector in the Wainwright Field Centre. He subsequently moved to Drayton Valley as a drilling and production inspector, and then into the Community and Aboriginal Relations (CAR) area where he's been working for the past 15 years. As Team Leader of CAR, Rob works out of St. Albert, covering all of Alberta.

The CAR team has nine staff and an Aboriginal Relations consultant who works with them on a part-time basis. The team is located throughout Alberta in select Field Centres. Its purpose: to improve communication and resolve issues and concerns by building relationships with stakeholders. Explaining the roles and responsibilities of the EUB, including its top priority of public safety, is also a key responsibility of the CAR team. The CAR team is aligned with Rob's goal to proactively work with stakeholders to reduce or eliminate issues *before* they become bigger. He also thoroughly enjoys working in teams and helping staff learn, grow and develop. Rob subscribes to the theory of "*having fun while getting the job done*".

Rob's proudest moment in his 25-year career with the EUB is being honoured with an Aboriginal name, Niipoomahkii Suhkoomabee or Chickadee Boy. In his spare time, Rob enjoys travelling.



Kuni Albert - Vice-President

With a Bachelor of Science degree, and a NRIET Diploma from Keyano College, Kuni Albert is President of Albert & Associates Ltd. It is a premier 100% Canadian company comprised of scientific associates specializing in ground planning, analysis and environmental science. Kuni is also a founder and Vice-President of the Circle For Aboriginal Relations Society.

A Denesuline member of the Fond du lac First Nation, Kuni was raised in Fort Chipewyan and Fort McMurray, Alberta, and has worked extensively in business development, public consultation, and provides expertise in community, aboriginal and corporate affairs.

Her environmental biology background provides a range of environmental services, including field baseline studies, environmental impact assessments, environmental planning and monitoring, land reclamation and remediation.



Mike Sutherland – Treasurer

Mike Sutherland is an advocate for native education, employment and community development. As a youth, he witnessed some of the hardships aboriginal people experience, while also admiring the successes of some of his native friends who finished university and became leaders in society.

Mike has worked with, and documented, native cultural and healing programs. These reports have generated awareness of aboriginal challenges, how these challenges are being overcome and have resulted in corporate support for these invaluable programs.

For his Masters degree, Mike wrote a report entitled: *Trades: A Viable Aboriginal Occupation – Aboriginal, Education, Government and Industry Partnerships and Initiatives*, which has been widely requested. Mike was instrumental in obtaining Penn West Energy Trust's senior management support for on-line learning programs in Aboriginal communities. These efforts have encouraged people to realize that they have the power to make a difference.

Mike was the former Chair of the Aboriginal Recruitment Team at FedEx, and helped design the CCAB's Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) initiative. He has volunteered as the Chair of Ghost River Rediscovery's Fund Raising Committee, participated on the Calgary Chamber of Commerce Aboriginal Employment Team, and is currently a board member of the Circle For Aboriginal Relations Society.



Craig Barraclough - Secretary

Craig Barraclough is President of C F B & Associates Inc., incorporated in 1995 to provide services in the areas of aboriginal awareness training, business development, public consultation, facilitation and mediation. He is one of the founders, and current Secretary of CFAR.

Craig's career includes twenty years of working with Aboriginal communities and organizations, nine years in marketing, and ten years of major oil and gas project development. His direct involvement in developing policies, business strategies and resolving conflicts with affected stakeholders has given Craig invaluable experience, which he uses to achieve understanding for mutual benefit.

Craig completed his formal education at the University of British Columbia, articling in the Chartered Accountancy profession. He then began a career within the energy sector that has taken him to all three of Canada's coastlines, and to the United States.

A Board member for a variety of corporations and non-profit organizations over the last 20 years, Craig is also actively involved in his community, as a Scouts Canada Group Commissioner, Community Association Board member, sports enthusiast and father. A seasoned consultant, Craig has also been an employee of both small and large companies, and has published and presented papers across Canada for industry, government, universities and associations.



Larry E. Veilleux - Director

Larry Veilleux is a Senior Community and Corporate Affairs Advisor for Golder Associates, a well-respected global group of consulting companies specializing in ground engineering and environmental services.

Larry provides expertise in the community, aboriginal and corporate affairs area. He has worked in the field of economic development, conflict analysis and management for more than twenty-five years.

As a mature leader in his field, he has established and mentored community and aboriginal affairs units for two international petroleum companies. Larry's involvement in these endeavours led to awards for exceptional management of aboriginal issues by those companies and the National Association of Petroleum Producers.

Well-versed in aboriginal traditions and culture, and with proven skills in community and industry integration, Larry is recognized as a passionate leader in community development and capacity building. An honorary Chief of the Pekisko band since 1991, Larry is a sought-after speaker at many national conferences relating to hydrocarbon development on First Nations lands. As a founding member and director of the CFAR Society, he hopes to transfer the knowledge of its members to a new generation of Aboriginal Relations stakeholders.



Patrick Leys - Director

Patrick Leys has worked at TransCanada for more than 10 years in various roles. Early in his career with the company he coordinated the preparation of bids and proposals to develop natural gas facilities in East Africa, Latin America and Asia. Subsequently, he spent several years in business development analyzing gas markets in New England and the U.S. mid-Atlantic region, and coordinating the efforts of large teams assessing the value of North American pipeline assets available for sale.

In the last three years, Patrick has been working in the field of Aboriginal Relations. As a Senior Aboriginal Relations Advisor in TransCanada's Community, Safety and Environment group, he focuses on developing and implementing strategies to establish and nurture positive relationships with those Aboriginal communities affected by TransCanada's capital expansion programs and green-field developments.

Patrick also serves on various industry association, government and community committees dealing with Aboriginal relations and consultation.

Articles or suggested topics of interest, bricks and bouquets – We'd like to encourage our members and anyone interested in supporting this 'making it happen' society to provide feedback or articles to include in our newsletter. We are a young, focused-but-fun organization: **Come join us!**

The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit or decline articles.

Your CFAR Editorial Board.

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