



"Providing support, information and networking opportunities to members"

CFAR Society

Circle for Aboriginal Relations

Highlights from the CFAR & Aboriginal Opportunities Committee (AOC) After Hours Mixer



On the evening of November 29th, 2007 an After Hours Mixer was held at the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. This networking event was co-hosted by the Circle for Aboriginal Relations (CFAR) and the Aboriginal Opportunities Committee (AOC) and sponsored by Suncor Energy, Savanna Energy Services, and Devon Energy. The mixer attracted a large number of professionals from a variety of sectors, Aboriginal business leaders and community representatives. This event provided a networking venue for liaison professionals, those involved in Aboriginal relations and Aboriginal community representatives.

The mixer featured live entertainment provided by Walter MacDonald Whitebear, hot appetizers and a cash bar. Speakers included Rob Barber, Chairman of CFAR, Hal Walker, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce in Calgary and Jerry Arshinoff, Board Member, Inn from the Cold. Throughout the evening cash donations and non-perishable food items were collected for the benefit of the Inn from the Cold Society. CFAR and AOC would like to express their gratitude to the after hours mixer guests for their donations. Door prizes were provided by Husky and Devon.



Members Corner

The developers and editors of CFAR's 2007/08 newsletters have established a Members Corner with the intent to provide our CFAR members information on upcoming events and professional development opportunities. This newsletter's Members Corner kicks things off by detailing a course offered by the Banff Centre:

THE BANFF CENTRE - Establishing Effective Aboriginal Relations: Program date: March 4 - 7, 2008

This three day program, offered by the Banff Centre, is designed to help you better understand Aboriginal interests and enhance your communication with Aboriginal communities. The program is focused on providing participants with the skills necessary for building effective relationships with Aboriginal communities. Through best practice case studies and live simulations, students will have the opportunity to practice what they learn and work through their own challenges. The program is designed for leaders and front-line employees from resource development organizations and utilities such as oil and gas, mining, forestry, and energy. It is also ideal for government service workers who interact with Aboriginal communities in areas including policy services, housing and transportation.

For more information (including specific program outcomes, faculty and tuition) visit the Banff Centres Leadership Development webpage at:

www.banffcentre.ca
or call: 1-800-590-9799

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Members Corner Continued...

- Minutes from all of CFAR's board meetings will soon be available on CFAR's webpage. CFAR's board strives for accountability and transparency. As a member-driven organization, CFAR is continually looking for input from membership.
- CFAR poses the following question to its membership: Would you, as a member, like to receive CFAR's newsletter electronically, as a hard copy mail out, or both? Please contact Christine Schreuder at cfarsoc@telus.net to indicate your preference.
- If you have a success story or other interesting news that you would like to share with CFAR members please send your articles to submissions@cfarsociety.ca (Note: not all submissions can be chosen, but we will endeavour to include as many as possible, submissions may be edited for length or clarity). Also, if you have an event that you think CFAR members would be interested in you can send the event information to: submissions@cfarsociety.ca. The event information will be posted in the Members Corner section (events will be posted at the boards discretion).

Upcoming Schedule of Events

March 4, 2008 - The Carriage House Inn, Calgary: Luncheon

This event is hosted by CFAR and follows in the path of previous successful CFAR luncheons. This spring networking luncheon features a speaker from Aseniwuche Winewak Nation (AWN) discussing AWN's consultation framework: "Living In Two Worlds: A Balanced Approach to Aboriginal Consultation". Please contact Christine Schreuder at cfarsoc@telus.net if you have not received a poster for this event. More information is also available on CFAR's webpage.

March 13, 2008 - The Sawridge Inn and Conference Centre (Timberline Room), Fort McMurray: CFAR Business Mixer

This event is hosted by CFAR and is the first northern CFAR Business Mixer. The Mixer provides participants networking opportunities in an informal, non-political environment. Appetizers will be served along with a cash bar. Admission is open to both members and non-members and is via donation to the Fort McMurray Family Crisis Centre Society Unity House. Please contact Christine Schreuder at cfarsoc@telus.net if you have not received a poster for this event. More information is available on CFAR's webpage.

June 4 & 5, 2008 - Enoch River Cree Resort: Conference

Building on the success of last year's first conference, CFAR is excited to host a second conference in June of 2008. This year's conference is titled *Aboriginal Community Consultation: Grassroots* and features high profile speakers from a diversity of organizations, cultural workshops, networking opportunities, a top-notch venue with exciting evening entertainment and a golf tournament. This year's conference is geared toward understanding grassroots perspectives and features sessions and speakers that will touch on community perspectives, negotiation, mediation and recent case law. Sponsorship opportunities are now available. Stay tuned for upcoming conference advertisements. Details will also be available on CFAR's webpage. Please contact Christine Schreuder at cfarsoc@telus.net for specific inquiries and sponsorship opportunities.

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Mission Statement:

To provide support, information and networking opportunities to members.

*Rapid resource development has increased demand for individuals with the expertise to establish effective working relationships among industries, governments and Aboriginal groups. To meet this need, the **CFAR Society** has been formed as a professional peer group to share experiences and best practices. Our members work together for mutual benefit and personal development, while striving to achieve greater credibility for the profession, in a non-political environment. Annual membership runs from April 1-March 31. Come and join us!*

Some of the benefits you can enjoy include:

- *An annual conference with keynote speakers on current issues.*
- *Electronic Member Newsletter keeping you in-the-circle.*
- *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.*



Membership Form

First Name _____		Last Name _____	
Organization or company _____			
Sector: Community ____		Industry ____	
Government ____		Student ____	
Non-Profit ____		Other ____	
Position _____			
Address _____		Phone: () _____	
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Cell: _____		E-mail: _____	

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

- Regular annual membership.....\$150.00
- Student annual membership.....\$ 25.00
Student I.D. _____ Expected year of graduation _____
- Aboriginal community member, retired or non-profit annual membership.....\$ 50.00
- Corporate annual membership.....\$ 1,000.00

Receipt and Membership Card will be issued upon submission of payment.

Payment Method: Corp. Cheque Personal Cheque Cash (don't mail) Visa MasterCard
c.c. number _____ Name _____ expiry date _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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