

"To provide leadership in Aboriginal, government and industry relations by creating a circle to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives. CFAR facilitates the development of trust, respect and credibility among our membership and with others."

Chair's Message

Greetings CFAR members and non-members alike! I am pleased to present our first newsletter of the 2010-2011 CFAR year which will summarize events held since our last newsletter and provide an update on upcoming CFAR events and initiatives.

I would like to begin by extending a very warm welcome to our new Board of Directors. Our 2010-2011 Board of Directors were recently elected during our Annual General Meeting. I look forward to working with the Board in continuing to deliver high-quality events and opportunities to CFAR membership. The Board has recently convened to undertake an annual planning session; I am confident that CFAR is well-positioned and well-equipped to build upon the successes of previous years.

I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the highlights of our annual planning session with you. In addition to the continued delivery of high-quality and relevant luncheon events, our annual conference, and after-hours business mixers throughout Alberta the CFAR Board of Directors has identified the development of a credential recognition pilot program as a priority project during the 2010-2011 year. We will also maintain on-going newsletters, continually evaluate and improve member and sponsor benefits, expand our membership and endeavor to create awareness around CFAR and the field of Aboriginal Relations. I look forward to keeping our membership updated as we undertake the work identified during our planning session.

As we bid farewell to our 2009-2010 year and usher in our 2010-2011 year, I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize the exceptional work of the 2009-2010 Board of Directors. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of last year's Board, we made strides in a number of areas and hosted a remarkable annual conference and golf tournament. Of course, our Board would not be able to carry out this work without the support and guidance of our Office Manager, Christine Schreuder. Christine is an invaluable asset to this organization – thank you Christine!

Finally, I would like express my sincerest gratitude to all of our members, supporters and sponsors – CFAR would not exist without your on-going support! We strive to take every opportunity to recognize our sponsors and supporters. CFAR's ability to operate and deliver high-value events at a low-cost is a direct result of the financial support received through sponsorship, event attendance and memberships. Again, thank you for your support!

I invite you to explore our first newsletter of the 2010-2011 year. I am looking forward to another successful year!

Warmest regards,

Janais Turuk

Chair, Circle for Aboriginal Relations Society



CFAR 5th Annual General Meeting

The Circle for Aboriginal Relations held its 5th Annual General Meeting on September 23, 2010. This meeting provided the opportunity for the CFAR board and membership to discuss key objectives that CFAR will strive towards in the coming year and to provide the membership with a critical update of CFAR activities from 2009/2010. CFAR Chair, Janais Turuk, reviewed CFAR events from the past year including luncheons, business mixers and the annual conference. Janais also explained the advancements with respect to *Credential Recognition Program*. As over 87% of CFAR membership are in favor of this program, CFAR will continue to pursue this and will focus on the next steps identified by the Board.



CFAR Treasurer, Sandy Sanderson, also took the opportunity during the AGM to review the CFAR financial reports with membership. Sandy outlined next steps for the upcoming year and indicated that CFAR financial strategy for 2010/2011.

CFAR would like to extend a warm thank-you to all who attended this meeting and look forward to an exciting and successful 2010/2011 year.

2010/2011 CFAR Board of Directors

On September 23, 2010 CFAR Society held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Edmonton Petroleum Club. As part of this meeting, the Board of Directors for the 2010/2011 year were nominated and elected by the CFAR membership. CFAR Chair, Janais Turuk presented a list of CFAR members seeking election to the Board of Directors, a slate of returning CFAR board members and a slate of executive board members.

The 2010/2011 Executive:

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| Janais Turuk (Teck Resources Limited) | <i>Chair</i> |
| Todd Belot (Aramark Remote Services) | <i>Vice Chair</i> |
| Karen McCullough (Alberta Courts/Mediator) | <i>Secretary</i> |
| Sandy Sanderson (PTI Group Inc.) | <i>Treasurer</i> |

The 2010/2011 CFAR Directors:

- Adena Dinn (Calliou Group)
- Ben Brunnen (Calgary Chamber of Commerce)
- Bob Phillips (Alberta Innovates Technology Futures)
- David Turner (First Peoples Group)
- Gareth Spicer (Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management)
- Jacob Handel (Total E&P Canada Ltd.)
- James Blackman (Primco Dene Group of Companies)
- Joe Moravetz (Bison Historical Services Ltd.)
- Wayne Erasmus (ATCO Electric)

The 2010/2011 Board Advisors:

- Mel Benson (Mel E Benson Management Services)
- Bee Schadeck (Devon Canada)
- Rob Barber (Energy Resources Conservation Board)
- Barry Brisson (Pembina Pipeline Corporation)



CFAR September 23, 2010 Networking Luncheon

CFAR kicked off the Fall of 2010 with a networking luncheon event, held on September 23, 2010 at the Edmonton Petroleum Club. CFAR was extremely fortunate to have board member, Gareth Spicer speak again on an engaging and informative topic that explored the fusion of traditional use information and Cultural Resource Management. Gareth brought his extensive professional experience to the table and delivered a presentation that left CFAR delegates discussing this new and innovative approach. Attendees were engaged throughout this presentation and asked numerous questions related to the topic. This luncheon not only informed delegates on this fascinating Historical Resources Impact Assessment (HRIA) case study, but also provided an opportunity to renew networking connections.

CFAR is extremely grateful to our Gold Sponsor Grande Cache Coal and our Silver Sponsor Aseniwuche Winewak Nation of Canada for their support in making this a successful luncheon event!



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2009/2010 Events in Review

Since our last newsletter, CFAR has hosted a number of value added events including a Lunch and Learn on March 9, 2010 and our Annual Conference from May 19-20, 2010.

March Lunch and Learn

The March 9, 2010 Lunch and Learn that highlighted the *Quarry of the Ancestors* archaeological site. Archeologists Darryl Bereziuk and Brian Ronaghan presented why the Quarry of the Ancestors site is such an important piece of Alberta's pre-history, the role of Alberta Culture and Community Spirit (ACCS) as stewards of historic resources, and fascinating evidence about Alberta's early history that has been uncovered at this exciting site.

CFAR would like to extend a warm thank you to our event sponsors Nexen Inc. and Turtle Island Cultural Resource Management.

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CFAR Annual Conference

CFAR was pleased to present their 2010 conference in May 19-20th, 2010 on *Stewardship: Integrating Cultural Values in Land Use Planning*. This two day event featured a host of high profile speakers with direct and relevant experience in land use planning. The 2010 conference featured Keynote Speaker Chief Carolyn Buffalo of the Montana Cree Nation who focused on the importance of Land Use Planning for Indigenous Peoples. Her presentation set the tone for the rest of the speakers and break-out sessions which brought Land Stewardship to the forefront of people's minds. CFAR would like to express their gratitude to all those who attended and each of the speakers that participated in making this an extremely successful event!

CFAR would also like to acknowledge the entertaining Hal Eagletail that emceed the event. His humor and poise helped keep the event light and on schedule. Overall, CFAR's annual conference provided a diverse group of speakers, great networking opportunities, professional development opportunities and a number of interactive workshops.

None of this could be possible without the generous support of our Platinum, Gold, Silver, Friends of CFAR and Golf Sponsors. Thank you for making this such a successful event.

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Members Corner

Members Corner provides an opportunity for CFAR members in good standing to profile various events, job opportunities and activities that may be of interest to the broader membership. While the specific content of Members Corner is not necessarily endorsed by the CFAR Board or its membership, the events and activities listed are consistent with CFAR's mission to foster a broad understanding of different perspectives.

If you have an event, success story or other interesting news that you would like to share with CFAR members please send your entries to info@cfarsociety.ca (Note: Submissions may be edited for length and clarity and will be posted at the board's discretion).

Beahr Land Use Planning Coordinator Training

The Land Use Planning Coordinator Training Program Is Now Available!

ECO Canada has recently developed three new training programs, including one for Land Use Planning Coordinators. The programs were developed for Aboriginal learners in consultation with Aboriginal communities, educators, and industry from across Canada. The Land Use Planning Coordinator Training Program is a four-week program intended to develop the skills needed to assist land use planners in the development of a land use plan. Students learn and develop basic skills in the following areas:

- Basics of land use planning history and techniques
- How to develop a community vision and goals
- How to gather biophysical and cultural information
- Mapping fundamentals
- How to identify and assess land use options
- How to implement a land use plan
- How to develop monitoring and evaluation techniques for a land use plan

Would you like to be involved?

- Aboriginal communities can have the program delivered within the community
- Trainers are needed to deliver the programs
- Employers can hire trained Aboriginal Land Use Planners
- Employers can sponsor a training program

For more information on the Land Use Planning Coordinator Training Program or any other training programs, please contact Claire (403) 233-0748 or beahr@eco.ca

Thanks to our Corporate Members!

