



## **President's Message for year ending 2009-10**

### **FMI – Victoria Update**

The Victoria chapter had another successful year in 2009/10. We tried a number of different types of professional development. Our goal was to continue to increase the amount of PD for the cost. This included expanded lunch sessions and two half day events. We did have to cancel one event when the speaker was called away. We struggle with getting commitment with solid speakers as their lives are busy and often priorities impact FMI events.

### **Membership**

Victoria Chapter membership showed an expected decline down to 107 members. The membership continues to represent provincial, federal, municipal, student and private sector workforces. We have not achieved the success with student membership that we had originally hoped but we will continue to explore how to be relevant for future public servants and our scholarship offering will continue this year.

### **Professional Development Events**

When we delivered 3 luncheons (one extended to two hours of PD) and 2 ½-day sessions last season and the participation rates were good. On top of that one of our most successful events was our annual Joint workshop with the CMA and CGA chapters. We went to a 2 day event from 3 and the response was very positive. The overall attendance was 130 each day compared to 80 each day in prior years. More PD was delivered and at the two thirds of the cost. PD hours continue to be within our strategic plans.

Like previous years the Chapter will continue to look for the best value for your PD dollar. We want to ensure that we offer low cost events but with high quality standards.

We congratulate and thank all our speakers this year, all of whom donated the value of their speaker's gifts to charities of their choice.

## **Partnerships Committee**

Our partnership with the UVic School of Public Administration completed its second year. This partnership recognizes the importance of the Masters of Public Administration program and associated certificate programs for our membership of the future as well as for members chipping away at their formal education.

Camosun College School of Business has successfully concluded its inaugural year of formal partnership with FMI. We've had good board membership to help introduce their students to professional development that can compliment formal coursing but we will continue to pursue value for students and growth in our membership.

The Chapter continued its relationship with the APA (Alliance of Professional Associations). The APA continues to host an electronic events calendar that allows community members to see what training is being offered in the Victoria area.

## **Future Endeavours**

What does 2010/11 hold for Victoria Chapter Members?

- This year we continue focusing on innovation – both in what we do and how we do it. More panels as demonstrated today and we will be trying breakfast sessions in October and November.
- Our exciting line up of events for the year can be found at <http://www.fmi.ca/pages/victoria/Events.shtml>
- We plan to continue trying longer PD sessions to maximize learning to food and venue cost ratio.
- We plan to more actively promote FMI and the benefits of membership with the government community through an expanded on-line presence.

Thanks to everyone that attended our events. Further acknowledgment must go to those supporting FMI Victoria through sponsorship and volunteering on the chapter board. We could not have done it without you.

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President