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Message from the Chairperson



CPBI Saskatchewan has another exciting year of events lined up for this 2018 - 2019 season. Our team of volunteers from the industry have created a fantastic year of educational events.

If you are not a member, then we hope you will consider becoming one so you may enjoy these thought provoking speakers and networking opportunities at a reduced price.

We look forward to providing educational events that make our membership the most well informed professionals in the pension and benefits industry. We hope you will "save the date" and join us!

Dara Sewell-Zumstien

Chairperson

CPBI Saskatchewan Regional Council

Highlights from our Member Appreciation Social

This year's Member Appreciation social event was held on September 12, 2018, at The Willow on Wascana in Regina. Although it was a bit cool, we were able to socialize both outside on the deck as well as inside the quaint and cozy restaurant!



Breakfast and Luncheon Seminars

Sanofi Canada Healthcare Survey

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 – [Luncheon at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)

Thursday, October 18, 2018 – [Luncheon at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)



Art Babcock, Senior Vice President at Aon, will explore the Sanofi Canada Healthcare Survey, which has proven to be a valuable tool for health benefit administrators making decisions about the kind of health coverage their plans will provide.

Since 1998, this healthcare survey has monitored the pulse of Canadians with employer-sponsored health benefit plans. It continues to track respondents' overall satisfaction with the healthcare system as a whole and their own benefit plan, their concerns about their health and the health of their families, and their understanding of certain chronic illnesses.

Over the years, the survey has looked at the issues of workplace stress, the growing need for homecare services and disease prevention. It offers the benefits industry an important benchmark to evaluate emerging healthcare issues that impact employee health and productivity.

Digital Trends and DC Plan Member Engagement

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 – [Breakfast at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)

Thursday, November 15, 2018 – [Breakfast at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)



Getting the attention of Defined Contribution (DC) pension plan members has always been the biggest challenge facing plan sponsors. Cheryl Shea, Senior Investment Consultant at Mercer (Canada) Limited, will discuss how plan sponsors and record keepers are using digital media to engage plan members and make it easier for them to take an active role in managing their accounts.

Global Perspectives: The Collapse of Intellectual Property

Wednesday, January 16, 2019 – [Luncheon at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)

Thursday, January 17, 2019 – [Luncheon at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)



Rob Almeida, Portfolio Manager and Global Investment Strategist at MFS Investment Management, will provide a global market perspectives outlook and will explore the effects of the collapse of intellectual property on global markets.

Life and Disability: A Claims Perspective

Tuesday, February 13, 2019 – [Breakfast at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)

Wednesday, February 14, 2019 – [Breakfast at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)



Roger Friesen, Director, Life & Disability Claims at Co-operators Life Insurance Company, will look at the trends behind life and disability claims and the factors that influence.

The Rise of Real Assets: How Institutional Investors use Real Assets to Help Deliver on the Pension Promise

Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – [Luncheon at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)

Thursday, March 14, 2019 – [Luncheon at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)



Real assets have become an integral part of the pension investment landscape in Canada. Indeed, Canadian pension plans are widely recognized as leaders in infrastructure and real estate investing by their global peers.

In addition to understanding the underlying risk/return characteristics of infrastructure and real estate investments, combining research, portfolio management and implementation expertise remain key in contributing to investment success.

Darren Spencer, Client Portfolio Manager, Alternative Investment Management at Russell Investments, will explore key trends impacting real asset investing today including:

- The spectrum of available investment opportunities;
- Managing infrastructure and real estate portfolios in the current market environment;
- Overcoming implementation challenges in infrastructure;
- “Domestic-to-Global” ~ the case for gaining exposure to global real estate; and
- The importance of manager selection.

Trends in Human Resources

Wednesday, May 15, 2019 – [Luncheon at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon](#)

Thursday, May 16, 2019 – [Luncheon at Double Tree by Hilton in Regina](#)

Morneau Shepell’s annual Trends in Human Resources survey canvasses Canadian employers on what they are planning for the coming year, and asks HR Leaders about the opportunities and challenges they face. Caylee Stewart, Senior Customer Success Manager from Morneau Shepell, will share the 2018 survey results which covers the following areas:

- HR priorities for 2018;
- Expected changes in compensation;
- Improving health, engagement and productivity;
- Reducing the cost of absence and disability;
- Optimizing retirement plans.

The presentation will have a targeted focus on mental health in the workplace.

Benefits, Beyond the Basics 2-day Seminar

December 4 & 5, 2018 at Radisson Hotel Saskatoon

Join us for a full program addressing in-depth aspects of Group Benefits Plans, current trends, and emerging issues. This 2-day seminar will provide a comprehensive framework that will enhance your understanding of benefits, act as a primer for the CEBS program, and offer valuable continuing education credits for the Insurance Council of Saskatchewan. This is also an excellent opportunity to network with fellow participants and event speakers. Attendees will receive a binder of presentation material and certificate of completion.

[Click here for complete details or to register!](#)

2019 CPBI Saskatchewan Regional Conference "*Today's Vision: Tomorrow's Reality*"

The CPBI Saskatchewan Regional Council is pleased to announce that it will host its ninth annual regional conference "*Today's Vision: Tomorrow's Reality*" on April 9, 10 & 11, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel in Saskatoon.

Watch for details about this exciting event!

We would like to thank and recognize our Conference Sponsors so far:

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