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## Council Committees

The Saskatchewan Regional Council consists of six committees. In this issue, we are focusing on the activities of the Programs and Services Committee and the Education and Professional Development Committee. The members of these committees volunteer their expertise and time to provide you with information and learning opportunities.

If you're interested in volunteering your expertise and time in any capacity, please, let us know!

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## Programs and Services Committee

The mandate of the CPBI Saskatchewan Programs and Services Committee is to develop and implement programs and services for the CPBI Saskatchewan Region. To accomplish this goal, the Committee members:

- annually review the programs and services of the CPBI Saskatchewan Region and determine what programs and services would benefit CPBI Saskatchewan members and non-members in the pension and benefits field;
- liaise with the Education and Professional Development Committee to identify topics for events that would fulfill the purposes set out in (a); and
- arrange its planned programs and services, including setting dates and locations, and booking qualified facilitators.

The current members of this Committee include:

Chair: Marg Romanow, Saskatchewan Union of Nurses  
Members: Bob Wilhelms, Saskatchewan Blue Cross  
Kay Robertson, SHEPP  
Jane Thomas, PotashCorp  
Tracy McLean, Sask. Teachers' Federation

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## **CPBI Saskatchewan Regional Council 2009-2010**

Tracy McLean  
Sask. Teachers' Fed.  
Chair

Bob Wilhelms  
Sask. Blue Cross  
Vice-Chair & National Board  
Representative

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Kay Robertson, SHEPP

Cathy Uhersky, Sask.  
Workers' Compensation Board

Heather Fortosky  
University of Sask.

Troy Milnthorp  
AON Consulting

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## **Education and Professional Development Committee**

The mandate of the CPBI Saskatchewan Education and Professional Development Committee is to develop and implement programs, workshops, and seminars as continuing education and professional development events for the CPBI Saskatchewan Region. To accomplish this goal, the Committee members:

- (a) annually review the continuing education and professional development programs of the CPBI Saskatchewan Region and update and re-design them as the Committee determines is necessary;
- (b) identify continuing education and professional development opportunities and develop programs, workshops, and seminars to fulfill these opportunities when the Committee determines it is appropriate;
- (c) liaise with the Programs and Services Committee to identify topics for continuing education and professional development events that would enhance the education of CPBI Saskatchewan members and non-members in the pension and benefits field; and
- (d) arrange continuing education and professional development events, including setting dates and locations, and booking qualified facilitators.

The current members of this Committee include:

Chair: Doug Volk, Teachers' Superannuation Commission

Members: John Hallett, Public Employees Benefits Agency  
Richard Heusdens, City of Saskatoon  
Cathy Uhersky, SK Workers' Compensation Board  
Tracy McLean, Sask. Teachers' Federation

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## **November: Ray Unrau**

Thanks to Ray Unrau of the City of Saskatoon for his presentations about emergency planning. The session used many of the lessons learned from the H1N1 planning and response experience, to help inform future planning expectations and activities.

## January 2010

### January: Scott Sweatman

Thanks to Scott Sweatman of Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP for his presentations about the status of pension reform. This session examined the key recommendations of the various panels/commissions and addressed what is the state of the pension reform debate and what the implications are for Canadian retirement security.

## February 2010

### February: Marilee Mark

Thanks to Marilee Mark of Manulife Financial for her presentations about employee benefits trends. Marilee shared data and a perspective on current national and regional trends and how employers have responded. This set the stage for a discussion on what's ahead for 2010 - trends, innovations and how benefits will evolve.

## March 2010

### March: Murray Campbell

This month, the CPBI Saskatchewan Region is pleased to welcome Murray Campbell, Partner, Lawson Lundell LLP, from Vancouver, BC. He will provide a Pension and Benefits Legal Update at luncheons on Wednesday, March 17th in Saskatoon and on Thursday March 18th in Regina.

## April 2010

### April: Spring Seminar

Please mark your calendars for:

**Tuesday, April 20, 2010:** Evening Appreciation Reception and CPBI 50th Anniversary Celebration

**Wednesday, April 21, 2010:** Spring Seminar & Annual Meeting

**Thursday, April 22, 2010:** Education Seminar

This year's Spring Seminar will take place in Saskatoon at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel. A full slate of 10 exciting speakers and topics have been lined up by the Programs and Services Committee and the Education and Professional Development Committee. Watch for complete details coming soon!

## June 2010

### June: Forum 2010

Set your sails toward Halifax for FORUM 2010. June 21st, 22nd and 23rd are destined to be amazing as Halifax--well known throughout Canada for its trademark East Coast charm and hospitality--rolls out the red carpet for the CPBI.

**FORUM 2010** will focus on “**the new normal**” that last year’s economic crisis created. While it appears the recovery is underway, uncertainty persists, and with it is a need to be well equipped to navigate the turbulent waters that may lie ahead.

Attend the CPBI FORUM 2010, and make sure you keep your company on an even keel as you **navigate “the new normal”** of today’s economic climate.

Come aboard for two and half days of maritime hospitality; with golf at Glen Arbour golf course, a PGA venue, an outstanding entertainment program featuring Ron James, and an eclectic Maritime music celebration.

Please visit [www.cpb-icra.ca](http://www.cpb-icra.ca) for the CPBI FORUM 2010 program information and registration.

## 2010 Regional Volunteer Appreciation Award

### Regional Volunteer Appreciation Award

As a not-for-profit organization, the success of the Canadian Pension & Benefits Institute depends in large part on the volunteers who contribute their time, knowledge and expertise. Recognizing their passion, dedication and commitment to CBPI is an integral part of who we are as an organization. Every year, each regional council selects a volunteer of the year from their region, based on the following criteria:

- how does the volunteer enable the organization to achieve its mission or purpose at the regional level?
- what form of outstanding support has he/she provided - meeting facilitation, workshop leaders, trainer and other support?
- what other donations has he/she made to the organization? (e.g. speaking engagements, long-time membership)
- both active and past council members are eligible for the award.

Do you know someone who is a member of CPBI Saskatchewan that is a deserving recipient of this award? Please provide Tracy McLean, Chair, ([tracy.mclean@stf.sk.ca](mailto:tracy.mclean@stf.sk.ca)) with the details of your nomination, including a biography and summary of CPBI volunteer activity, by March 26, 2010. The Regional Council will make their selection from all nominations received. The recipient will be recognized for his/her contributions at the Spring Seminar. From the regional recipients, a national volunteer will be chosen by CPBI National and recognized for his/her achievements at Forum 2010.

## Thank-you to our current sponsors!

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## Become a CPBI Member!

The Canadian Pension and Benefits Institute (CPBI) is Canada's premier forum for education and networking in the employer-sponsored pensions, benefits and institutional investment management industry.

The CPBI Saskatchewan Region offers local members the opportunity to participate in high quality, cost-effective education and networking forums on best practices in our related fields. We hold lunch and breakfast seminars throughout the year in addition to our annual Spring Conference. We also arrange opportunities for advanced education in conjunction with Humber College.

As a CPBI member you are offered many advantages such as:

- Attending CPBI events at reduced rates;
- Receiving exclusive discounts and promotional offers;
- Hearing some of the most compelling and high profile speakers in the country;
- Accessing networking tools and industry information through the CPBI National Directory; and earning continuing education credits.

If you or someone you know may be interested in becoming a CPBI member, please see our website at [www.cpbi-icra.ca](http://www.cpbi-icra.ca) for the complete membership information and application form.

## 2010 Sponsorship Opportunities for CBPI Saskatchewan Region

In order to establish an offering of top caliber seminars, sponsorship is an important source of revenue for our CPBI Saskatchewan Region.

As a Sponsor, your company will receive:

- Complimentary registrations at CPBI Saskatchewan Region events;
- Your printed logo on all seminar announcements;
- Verbal acknowledgement and your printed logo displayed at all CPBI Saskatchewan Region events; and an opportunity to meet and network with the many of the key players and decision makers for Saskatchewan's leading organizations.

We are offering 3 levels of sponsorship:

- Gold Sponsorship – Sponsors that donate \$1,500 for the year
- Silver Sponsorship – Sponsors that donate \$1,000 for the year
- Bronze Sponsorship – Sponsors that donate \$750 for the year

We hope that you will take advantage of this unique promotional opportunity for your organization and assist us in offering quality educational opportunities right here in Saskatchewan.

If you would like more information on how your organization can become a prestigious CPBI Saskatchewan Region Sponsor, please contact us at [saskatchewan@cpbi-icra.ca](mailto:saskatchewan@cpbi-icra.ca) and we will send a sponsorship package to you.