



President's message – April 2015 Edition

Dear Members,

Our March PD Luncheon was a great success, Shannon Walker riveted the audience with her presentation on *Whistle-blower Hotlines: Outsourced vs. Internal*. The presentation counted for 1 Ethics CPE hour and we received great feedback on the topic and speaker!

We are all excited for our upcoming Half Day Training Event that will be held on May 27th at the Justice Institute of BC in New Westminster. Remember that this event will provide you with three CPE hours including one Ethics hour. Parking is free and coffee, pastries and other refreshments will be provided.

Please refer to the event page within this newsletter for event details, topics and speaker biographies. ACFE Vancouver Chapter members can bring a guest at the same member rate of \$60, so bring a colleague! We already have many registered attendees so **Register Now!** to save your spot.

We are already 7 months into our 2015/2016 season but we believe that it is never too late to become a member! For a limited time only, we will be providing a pro-rated membership fee, if you are interested please contact Simon Padgett, our Membership Outreach Chair, at simon.padgett@ca.pwc.com who will guide you through the process. We are already a 105+ member strong chapter and we want to continue to grow and provide an ever expanding network of fraud professionals to share knowledge and expertise, so join us today!

Hope to see you all on May 27th!

Sincerely,

Carmen Wiechers, CFE
President, Vancouver Chapter



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- **May 27th**: Half day training session at the Justice Institute of BC (3 CPE hours including 1 CPE hour of Ethics)
- **September 23rd**: PD luncheon at Terminal City Club (1 CPE Hour)
- **November 25th**: Half day training session (3 CPE Hours) at location to be determined.



Refer to the website for more [PICS](#) from the March 25th luncheon and also previous events.

Call for Speakers for the 2015 ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference:

Enhance your reputation and share your expertise with fellow anti-fraud professionals by submitting a proposal to speak at the *2015 ACFE Canadian Fraud Conference*, September 13th-16th, in Ottawa. If you would like the opportunity to be recognized as a leader in the anti-fraud community, we invite you to [submit a proposal](#) to speak for the ACFE. **The deadline for proposals is May 1st.**

Retiring ACFE Vancouver Chapter Member Profile - Russ Lefler, CFE:

After joining the RCMP at the ripe old age of 19, I went for training in Regina and then was posted to Cranbrook, my first Detachment. Subsequently, I went to Rossland for three years and then begged to be sent to a busier location, which resulted in me getting moved to the Drug Section in Victoria. I then went back to uniform work for about 4 years before being asked if I would be interested in relocating to the Vancouver Drug Section. After taking some additional business and accounting courses, I was ultimately promoted to the Proceeds of Crime Section, from which I retired after completing 25 years in the Force. I became a CFE shortly before retiring from the RCMP, hoping to remain connected in the fraud field by networking with other members of the ACFE Vancouver Chapter.

Upon a short 2 year stint with the AG's Dept in the Gaming, Audit and Investigations Office, I was asked to join a new department at WCB (now known as WorkSafeBC) called the Special Investigations Branch. We created quite a stir while working for over 4 years in this unit; so much so that there was some political interference from the new Government which ultimately caused WorkSafeBC to reconsider/disband the unit completely. I was asked to stay on in my role as an investigator, moving to the Richmond Claims Investigation Unit, renamed Field Investigations. Not being a great fan of commuting, when the Surrey Field Office position opened I jumped at it. I have now stayed with WorkSafeBC for 14 years. So, after 41 years of working in various forms of law enforcement roles, I feel it's time to move on to another facet of life and do what I love to do best – woodwork and golf... (My priority used to be in reverse order so I intend to amend that too!)

It has been a great experience being part of the ACFE family and will truly miss both the "forced" learning and the social aspect of meeting old friends as well as making new acquaintances through the various venues hosted by the Vancouver Chapter. My past 17 years as a CFE have been an enjoyable and enriching experience. I have made some lifelong friends as a result and hope to hear of fantastic things being done by the ACFE-trained members of the Chapter.

My respect and best regards, Russ

New ACFE Vancouver Chapter Board Member Bio - Danielle Guglielmucci, DIFA, CFE, CPA, CMA, CIA, CAMS:

I currently work at PRA Group as Manager of Internal Audit and Forensic Services. I lead the forensic services practice of the firm, as well as manage the internal audit function of four financial institutions in BC. Previously I worked at the Law Society of BC in the Forensic Accounting Department as the Trust Regulation Accountant-Forensic.

I have been a member of the CFE Vancouver Chapter for many years. I cannot remember what initially prompted me to join, however I have certainly found the membership to be highly valuable. Having an opportunity to connect with others in the same or similar fields, the fraud related CPE, the newsletter and website have all been helpful to me over the years. The luncheons and training sessions are great in allowing me to learn key skills while also getting to know local fraud examiners. Since participating in my first fraud investigation in 2002, I have had a strong interest in the subject. This interest led me to the CFE designation, which I attained in 2007. I have since furthered my education by achieving my Diploma in Investigative and Forensic Accounting in 2014.

I am an avid crossfitter, and love the outdoors. I love to spend time in nature, and my favourite summertime activity is getting out for a refreshing hike. In our beautiful city, there are so many things to see and do outside all year round. I feel so fortunate to live in Vancouver.

Prepared by Danielle Guglielmucci

Books about preventing White Collar Crooks:

This month two books will be featured. The first one is called Spam Nation: The inside story of organized cybercrime – from global epidemic to your front door by Brian Krebs, which is available for purchase in the ACFE.COM bookstore [here](#). The Author was interviewed in the March/April 2015 edition of the ACFE Magazine and won the ACFE Guardian award. He will be a keynote speaker at the upcoming 26th Annual ACFE Global Fraud Conference in Baltimore and personally exposed data breaches at Target and Home Depot among others. You can check out his blog www.krebsonsecurity.com for more up to date information.

Spam Nation discusses the problem of spam:

- In 2013, nearly 70% of all daily received email was unsolicited bulk email from spam botnets.
- It is estimated that 85 billion junk messages are sent every day, so as of 2012, if there are 2.4 billion internet users then spammers are sending out 35 junk email messages per person per day.
- It is also estimated that there are approximately 25 million misconfigured or antiquated home and business routers that can be used as botnets. Hackers only need about 100,000 to launch their potent DDOS attacks.

To protect yourself from cybercrime, the author recommends using a secure online password management system and following these three Rules for online safety:

1. If you didn't go looking for it, don't install it;
2. If you installed it, update it;
3. If you no longer need it, remove it.

Another book on cybercrime worth checking out is Future Crimes by Marc Goodman which can be purchased from the ACFE website [here](#). I actually preferred Future Crimes over Spam Nation because it delves into other topics of cybercrime as compared to Spam Nation.

It warns social media users (and Google users) that they are not the consumer, they are the product and that they should think twice when sharing personal information online. For instance, FaceBook claims that 600K of its accounts are compromised each day and 11% of its accounts are fake. The author also warns people of the internet of things (common household appliances being connected to the internet) and the risks surrounded with interconnectivity.

The author explains that for every 50 million lines of code there is approximately 1 million lines of code that can be exploited (MicroSoft Office has 45 million lines of code). It is hard to protect yourself online when it is estimated that each person encounters 1,500 terms of service online each containing roughly 2,518 words. Reading each agreement would take 76 full workdays.

He discusses the dark web and crime as a service which is available online. "Google it" has entered into the general lexicon but it only captures 16% of the surface web and only 0.03% of all the information that is available online if you know where to look for it.

I recommend reading both Spam Nation and Future Crimes ASAP to educate yourself on cybercrime and learn how to protect yourself, your family and your clients.

- Prepared by John Dumfries, CPA, CGA, CFE, CIA

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Updates for the week ending April 10, 2015

Highlights of the 2014 CSA enforcement activities

IROC releases 2014 enforcement report

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Revenue Quebec employees arrested in alleged corruption crackdown

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre Tax scam bulletin

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Canadian documentary probes corporate tax avoidance schemes

IRS opened 19% fewer criminal cases in 2014

IRS criminal investigators make gains against identity theft

Unprecedented surge in online scams raises questions about TurboTax

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