

2018 CPA Manitoba

*Member Recognition  
Spotlight*

# Congratulations!



The third annual CPA Manitoba Member Recognition Gala took place on May 10, 2018 at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Over 250 guests were in attendance to celebrate the best of our profession.

Congratulations to the seven new FCPAs, six Early Achievement Award, three Community Service Award and Meritorious Service Award recipients. A special thanks to Gary Hannaford, FCPA, FCA who received a Lifetime Achievement Award for his immeasurable contributions to the accounting profession in Manitoba.

These award recipients represent the best of our profession and have gone above and beyond throughout their careers. Each has devoted countless hours to help strengthen our profession and improve our communities.

I also want to acknowledge every member, candidate and student who has served on a board, volunteered for a worthy cause or offered their services to assist those who needed it this past year. Each of these contributions, no matter how large or small it may seemingly be, makes a big difference.

The Member Recognition Program exists so that we can put the exceptional contributions of our members in the spotlight and showcase the great work we do as CPAs. By taking the time to nominate someone, you play an important role not only in the life of a future award recipient, but also in encouraging others to make a positive difference. I encourage you to nominate a member whose contributions should be recognized.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Silversides'. The signature is stylized and fluid.

Tim Silversides, FCPA, FCGA  
Chair, CPA Manitoba Board

# Lifetime Achievement Award

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# CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award

## Gary Hannaford, FCPA, FCA

The 2018 recipient of the CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award, Gary Hannaford, FCPA, FCA, now retired, sums up his feelings this way:

“I was shocked but absolutely delighted when I received the telephone call advising me that I was this year’s recipient of the lifetime achievement award,” Hannaford said.

The award is bestowed annually to a CPA who has brought honour to the profession by distinction in service to the profession, career or community. While the award may seem like a natural fit to those who understand Hannaford’s contributions over the years, his path to accounting wasn’t always so clear.

“I was born and raised in Kitchener, Ontario. I attended high school there and then went on to the University of Waterloo. I wasn’t sure what I wanted in terms of a career and I initially considered teaching,” he recalls.

Instead, as is often the case, Hannaford was inspired by someone close to him which ultimately led to a career in accounting.

“A cousin of mine was an accountant working with one of the large firms. I was really intrigued by the work he was doing and I decided that it would be a good career choice for me too,” Hannaford explains.

In 1973 he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in Economics, and got a job at a Big 8 firm in London, Ontario. There he focused on becoming a Chartered Accountant.

“I received my designation in 1975 which was a really great day. I remember being so happy to be part of the profession.”

For the next several years, Hannaford gained experience at the firm as an audit manager, returning home to Kitchener in 1977. In 1980, he took a job with the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario (ICAO).

“At the time the Institute was setting up and bringing to a membership vote a new peer review program called practice inspection. I



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was hired to lead that program and it was launched about a year later,” he says.

That was Hannaford’s first experience working directly for the betterment of the accounting profession, something he would continue to do for the next 36 years.

“I really enjoyed the role and what we were accomplishing. It was important work and I was glad to be part of it. I ended up heading the program for the next six years. I then held a number of other positions and ultimately became the general director of programs.” In that role, he was responsible for anything related to running programs for members including student education, professional development and practice inspection.

“In the fall of 1994 I was approached about an opening at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Manitoba (ICAM). It was essentially the CEO role, although back then it was called Executive Vice-President.”

After several interviews he was offered the job. “I had only been to Manitoba once before and didn’t know very much about it. I decided eventually that it would be a good move and that I could make a difference in the role, so I accepted the offer. I had no idea that I would stay there for the rest of my career and ultimately retire in Manitoba.” Hannaford began his Manitoba-based career on May 1, 1995.

“Instantly I knew I was in for a challenge. The reality I came from at ICAO was different than what I was walking into. In Ontario we had a lot of resources and a staff of about 100 to do everything. In Manitoba we initially had a staff of only 10 or 11 hardworking people that had to provide all the same services.”

It was perhaps here that Hannaford’s management philosophy was born.

“If you want to be successful make sure you surround yourself with good people. I was fortunate to have great teams to work with throughout my entire career. The team at ICAM and subsequently at CPA Manitoba were outstanding.”

Hannaford has always been a strong believer in giving back to the community and the profession.

“I chaired the Royal Manitoba Theatre Centre (Canada’s oldest English-language regional theatre) after serving on the board for 11 years. I remember one day I got to meet Andrew Lloyd Webber as part of the role. I also had the opportunity to serve on the Pan-Am Games finance committee and was at the ball park when Canada beat the United States.”

He also served in a variety of leadership roles in both his local church in Winnipeg as well as in the wider structures of the United Church of Canada. This included 9 years as Treasurer of the Manitoba and Northwestern Conference of the United Church of Canada. He currently serves on the Governance Board of his local church in his new home of Belleville.

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While he was initially appointed to the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants while he was CEO of ICAM, he continued in a volunteer capacity for the past two years involving more than 1,000 hours of volunteer time.

Hannaford played a key role in the merger of the legacy accounting bodies and formation of CPA Manitoba. He regards that process as one of the highlights of his career.

“In 2011 merger talks had started up again. Because I did work in a previous merger attempt a number of years prior, I was part of the steering committee for the CAs. I felt a merger was best for the profession, our members and the public.”

He was appointed the Chief Executive Office of the CPA Manitoba Joint Venture -the organization that worked to merge the accounting bodies provincially - and ultimately poured hundreds of hours of work into the merger to help his team accomplish its goal of unification.

“Nobody could have guessed it would have taken as long as it did and getting the news that the CPA Act was passed by the Government was a major highlight in my career,” he recalls proudly.

In September 2015, he became CPA Manitoba’s first President and CEO, working to provide a direction and a stable foundation for the new organization until his retirement in June 2016.

“I’ve been so fortunate in my career. I’ve had the pleasure of travelling all over the world during my time on the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants. I think the only continent I haven’t been to is Antarctica. We really do have a global profession and one we should be extremely proud of.”

Hannaford took a moment to reflect on what it means to him to be a CPA Manitoba Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

“It’s quite flattering, very humbling and an honour. I’m really appreciative that someone even thought of nominating me, let alone being chosen to receive this award. I know others with amazing achievements who have received this type of recognition and it’s extremely moving to know that I’m being included in the same category,” Hannaford says.

When asked if there was anything else he’d like to add, he quickly replied, “I don’t think I could ever thank everyone enough. From the people I worked with to those I met serving on boards and committees at the Manitoba, regional, national and international levels, I thank you. They are the reasons why we got so much done. I consider myself lucky to have made so many very close friends throughout my career. It’s been truly wonderful.”

# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

The title of Fellow CPA formally recognizes those members who have rendered exceptional services to the profession and whose achievements in their careers or the community have earned them distinction and brought honour to the profession.

# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Kirsten Albo, FCPA, FCA

Kirsten is the President at ASK KSA Consulting Inc., a company she founded in 2016 to provide independent consulting and advisory services to small and mid-sized public accounting firms. She recognized there was a niche in the market and actively pursued building a unique business using her 27-years of professional experience in public practice.

She began her career at PwC in 1990 and 13 years later was admitted to partnership. In that role, she thrived by building strong relationships with the many staff and clients. She was the lead engagement partner on several large and complex public companies and was known for her technical knowledge and practical business advice.

Throughout the years, Kirsten has given back to the community by lending her expertise to many local organizations. She spent 11 years volunteering in various capacities at

Niakwa Country Club, leading up to being named the club's first female president in its 90-year history. Kirsten also volunteered her time at the United Way for over six years, as both a member and Co-Chair of the Major Donor Program.

She currently serves a number of community-minded organizations including the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, where she helped implement robust financial reporting and internal controls. She is also involved with the Manitoba Centennial Centre Corporation where she is Vice-Chair and Audit Committee Chair.

Kirsten is a proud ambassador and active member of the accounting profession in Manitoba. She spent many years as a member of CA Manitoba's Professional Conduct and University Recruitment Committees and remains involved with CPA Manitoba, instructing several professional development courses each year.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Jo-Anne Findlay, FCPA, FCA

Jo-Anne articulated with Clarkson Gordon (EY) before joining the Hudson's Bay Company where she led the Audit Services Department (Central Region) and was the Senior Executive responsible for Special Projects.

After her first son was born, she established her own practice and has worked as a self-employed chartered accountant for nearly 30 years with a practice focused on not for profits and owner managed companies.

From the very beginning of her career, Jo-Anne has made volunteerism a cornerstone of her professional life. She has served the MS Society of Manitoba for over 10 years in key roles such as Chair of the Finance Committee and Director of the Manitoba Chapter Board. She is also involved at a grassroots level and was the inspiration for a group of 15-year-old boys to fundraise in her honour. 12 years later the "Friends of Jo-Anne" continue to participate in the MS Walk and have fundraised over \$225,000 to date.

She has also been a passionate supporter and volunteer at the Legal Help Center - an organization that works to increase access to legal and social service systems for disadvantaged community members by serving as a board member and treasurer. In addition, Jo-Anne served as President of Canada Day Celebrations (Manitoba), and serving as a chair or director of the Canadian Cancer Society, Taking Charge Inc., Women Business Owners of Manitoba, Manitoba Museum and others.

She also found time to give back to the profession by participating on CA Manitoba's University Recruitment and Members' Activities Committees. Jo-Anne is described by her colleagues and friends as a role-model and example of the strength of the human spirit.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Robert Friesen, FCPA, FCGA

Robert obtained his accounting designation in 1997 and immediately decided to make giving back to the accounting profession a priority. Upon graduation, he took on the role of exam supervisor for CGA Manitoba. From that moment onward and throughout his career without interruption, a span of 21 years, Robert was actively involved in the profession.

In 2000, he became the treasurer of CGA Manitoba's Pembina Valley Chapter, one of Manitoba's fastest growing chapters during his tenure there. By 2002, he was Chair of the Pembina Valley Chapter which would be a role he embraced for eight years. At the same time, he also served on the Public Practice Committee, first as a member and then as chair. From 2012 to 2015, he sat on the Board of Governors for CGA Manitoba.

More recently, Robert continues to be a valued member of CPA Manitoba's Practice Inspection Committee, a role he's held since 2016.

In addition to his passion for the accounting profession, he's also had a successful accounting career.

Robert is a Partner at Gislason Targownik Peters (GTP) based in Winkler, Manitoba with nearly 30 years of experience working in public accounting. His client base consists primarily of owner-managed businesses which value him as a member of their team.

He has also found time to give back to his community in other ways. He is a passionate supporter of democracy and has held the title of Official Agent for a political candidate in each of the last two provincial elections. He spent nine years as treasurer with the Pembina Counselling Centre Inc., helping them open another location to keep up with demand. He was also a founding member and team leader of the Hillside Community Church - a role he embraced for over a decade.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Deborah Grenier, FCPA, FCA

Deborah is a Partner and Business Unit Leader, Audit, Regions West at KPMG. In this capacity she is responsible for all operations in the practice including quality and risk management, people initiatives, team building and support across nine offices in western Canada. Through this role, Deborah is also a member of KPMG's National Audit Leadership Team in Canada.

She was admitted to the Chartered Accountancy profession in Winnipeg in 1992 and was the Manitoba Gold Medalist -- placing fourth in Canada on the UFE. In her 29 years with KPMG, Deborah has served as auditor and advisor to a range of public companies and private enterprises, and has also worked at KPMG offices in Toronto, New York and Sydney, Australia.

Deborah is passionate about inclusion and diversity and was one of the founding members of KPMG's Inclusion and Diversity Council in Canada. In addition, she is a leader in KPMG's Women's Interchange Network which has helped establish an environment for entrepreneurial woman to discuss business issues and develop valuable relationships.

Throughout her career, she has been a steadfast advocate for the accounting profession. She served as an exam committee member for the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario and more recently, in 2017, was elected to the Board of CPA Manitoba. She is also a member of the Institute of Internal Auditors and Financial Executives International (FEI).

In addition to her support of the accounting profession, she has taken an active role in the community. In 2017 through her continued involvement with WE (formerly Free the Children), she travelled to Ecuador with her family as part of a group of volunteers with the WE Villages program. Deborah was also a member of the Board of Directors and Executive for Prairie Theater Exchange for over nine years.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Cindee Laverge, FCPA, FCGA

Cindee's career began as an instructor at Red River College. From this position, she was able to educate and inspire countless future professional accountants, in part by inviting representatives of the accounting profession into her classroom to provide students with insights into accounting careers.

All told, she spent 32 years with Manitoba's second largest post-secondary institution and held positions such as Chair of Teacher Education, Dean of Student Services and Acting Vice President, Student Services and Planning over that time.

She also led the development of RRC's 'Strategic Plan 2016 to 2021' and led a number of initiatives in the previous plan including developing a strategic enrollment management plan and an information technology management process.

In addition to her contributions at RRC, Cindee has been a tireless supporter of the accounting profession in Manitoba. Her involvement on national and provincial committees and boards is vast.

She was elected to the CPA Manitoba Board in 2015 and played an integral role in the integration of the CA, CGA and CMA legacy designations and the establishment of CPA Manitoba. She currently serves as First Vice-Chair of the CPA Manitoba Board and is expected to take on the role of Chair of the CPA Manitoba Board in June 2018.

Cindee represented CGA Manitoba in many capacities. She was a member of the CGA Manitoba Board and Education Committee, and a representative on the CGA Canada National Education Committee. Through this appointment Cindee played a key role in advancing the interests of CGA Manitoba and the CGA education program. She has also represented the profession at numerous sponsored events over the years that are crucial in efforts to position and strengthen the brand across the province.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Joel Lazer, FCPA, FCA

Joel is the Managing Partner at Lazer Grant LLP, a position he's excelled in for over 36 years. During that time, he has been a driving force behind the firm's growth. Since 2005, under Joel's leadership, Lazer Grant LLP, has doubled the number of employees to keep up with demand.

He is also widely recognized by the media for his expert business advice and accounting knowledge. He has been quoted in the Winnipeg Free Press, Bottom Line magazine and Professional Marketing magazine, among others. Many people have heard him speak on the 1290 CJOB radio show "Talk to the Experts".

Joel is also well-known for his work in the community. He is a member of both the Executive and Community Relations Committees for the Jewish Federation of Winnipeg, where he helps on-going efforts to build relationships with other faith-based organizations. Through this role, he often looks for opportunities to provide education to other community-based groups and all three levels of government with the aim of eliminating racism and antisemitism.

He also sits on the board at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, where he is chair of the Finance Committee and assists the synagogue with strengthening relationships with congregants and the community.

Joel has also provided his skills and expertise to make a difference in the accounting profession. For a combined period of 15 years, he was first a member of CA Manitoba's Discipline Committee and then a member of CA Manitoba's Member Relations Committee. He was also an active member of the Federal Government's Joint Committee on Bankruptcy in the 1990's, where he was recognized for his contributions in providing advice to the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy. Later, he held the position of president of the Board, overseeing various committees of the Manitoba Association of Insolvency and Restructuring.



# Fellow CPA (FCPA)

## Peter Miller, FCPA, FCA

Peter is a Partner in KPMG's Deal Advisory practice, Managing Director of KPMG Corporate Finance Inc., Advisory Geographic Leader for KPMG's Regions West offices, and a member of KPMG's National Advisory Leadership Team in Canada.

He obtained his Chartered Business Valuator "CBV" designation in 1986. In 2007, Peter was granted the designation "CF" by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants, having satisfied the requirements of the Corporate Finance Qualification Program.

Originally from Toronto, he relocated to Winnipeg in 1990 to help establish the Valuation and Corporate Finance practice in Manitoba for the firm. By 1994, he was admitted to partnership.



Peter has been lead or co-lead advisor on transactions in Canada, the United States, Latin America and Europe over the last 30 years. He has also conducted numerous fairness opinions on transactions and valuations of public and private corporations for regulatory purposes, shareholder disputes, securities legislation, family law and income tax. He has been called to provide expert testimony before the Court of Queen's Bench in each of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

In the 1990's he was a board member and later served as president for the Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators, a premier business credential for business valuation professionals in Canada.

Throughout the years, he has served the community in other key functions including task force, committee and board appointments with Invest Manitoba and later Invest Winnipeg, the Winnipeg Winter Club and, most recently, St. Paul's High School as a member of the board and where he oversaw a significant capital campaign as finance chair.

# Early Achievement Award

The CPA Manitoba Early Achievement Award is bestowed to members who demonstrate an ongoing commitment and excellence in their professional, community or other volunteer involvement and career achievement within the first ten years of membership.

# Early Achievement Award

## Kenton Doerksen, CPA, CGA

Kenton was admitted to membership in 2009 and is a Partner at Gislason Targownik Peters (GTP) Chartered Professional Accountants which is headquartered in Winkler, Manitoba. GTP provides consulting, tax and accounting services.

He joined GTP in 2004, working as a junior and intermediate accountant before being promoted to manager in 2008 and receiving an invitation to partnership at the age of 32 in 2013.

Kenton serves the community through his involvement in the Winkler and District Chamber of Commerce, serving as treasurer from 2009 to 2011 and president from 2011 to 2014. He also serves the Winkler Bible Camp and Winkler Minor Soccer Association as Treasurer, and is a leader at his church, Bethel Bergthaler Mennonite Church, serving as a Deacon for the past 14 years and Chair of the Ministerial Committee since 2015.

He has also provided his valuable expertise to the profession. For over eight years, he was a keen contributor to CGA Manitoba, first as a student representative, and then as secretary for CGA Manitoba's Pembina Valley Chapter.



# Early Achievement Award

## Brigitte Lazarko, CPA, CA

Brigitte was admitted to membership in 2010 and is a Senior Director Finance at GWL Realty Advisors - a trusted real estate investor with assets across Canada.

She started with the company as an Assistant Manager in 2010, shortly after earning her designation. By 2014, she became Client Finance Lead, overseeing the reporting of 120 buildings and over \$5 billion in assets.

In 2017, she worked for over a year coordinating every facet of the finance portion of a large, national transition resulting in the largest single-day transfer of assets in Canadian real estate history. This year, she has been a member of the due diligence and onboarding team of GWLRA's new US subsidiary, EverWest.

Brigitte is a passionate advocate for mental health and women's rights and became a founding member of 'Women @ GWL', a grassroots group formed to help foster women's leadership at Great-West Life. She is also on the board of the Fort Garry Women's Resource Centre.

Brigitte gives back to the profession as a member of the CPA Manitoba Registration Committee and has been a volunteer for the CPA profession's Financial Literacy Program since its inception. Previously, she was a part of the Conference Committee and helped plan the first joint conferences between the merging provincial bodies.



# Early Achievement Award

## Kyle McMurty, CPA, CA

Kyle was admitted to membership in 2007 and is the Managing Partner of the Winnipeg business unit of Grant Thornton – an international accounting and advisory firm with 65 locations across Canada.

He began his career with Grant Thornton in 2005 and successfully wrote the UFE in 2006. In 2014, he achieved his partnership with the firm after excelling as a Senior Manager and Tax Service Line Leader. By 2016, only nine years after earning his designation, Kyle was appointed Managing Partner of the Winnipeg Business Unit.

Kyle is also active in the community. He serves on the Fred Douglas Society Finance Committee -- an organization that offers safe and affording housing for seniors. He also enjoys coaching his kids' soccer team and encourages and takes part in team activities to help the underprivileged.

Kyle has also taken an active interest in mentoring fellow CPAs through his involvement with CPA Canada's Advanced Taxation and In-Depth Tax courses, where he has served as an in-residence tutor and group study leader.



# Early Achievement Award

## Pamela Miller, CPA, CGA

Pam was admitted to membership in 2010 and is an Associate Partner at MNP – a leading national accounting, tax and business consulting firm in Canada.

She began her career as a Junior Accounting Technician at MNP's Dauphin office in 2005. By 2008, she was promoted to Senior Accounting Technician as she studied to become a designated accountant. In 2012, only two years after receiving her designation, she was promoted to a management position. More recently, Pam chose to transfer to MNP's Neepawa office and last year was promoted to Associate Partner.

She currently aids her community by serving on the Executive for the Neepawa & District Chamber of Commerce. She is also an active member of the Rotary Club of Neepawa Inc.

Pam has generously volunteered her time and skills to the accounting profession as a member of the Student Advisory Committee and as the Chapter Chair for CGA Manitoba's Dauphin Chapter from 2012 to 2015. In 2018, Pam joined CPA's financial literacy program as a volunteer.



# Early Achievement Award

## Ryan Rawluk, CPA, CGA

Ryan was admitted to membership in 2007 and is a Partner at Rawluk & Robert Chartered Professional Accountants, a public practice based in Winnipeg that he and a colleague formed in 2017.

He has steadily built up his clientele and is involved in engagements including corporate reorganizations, tax planning, audits and other accounting services with the goal of becoming one of the leading small to mid-sized firms in Winnipeg.

Ryan is actively involved in his community and has spent countless hours volunteering at Norberry Glenlee Community Centre where he began coaching youth soccer. Today, he is a board member and member of the executive where he serves as treasurer. He is also the centre's representative on the Riel Community Centre Board which acts as a liaison between the City of Winnipeg and various sporting bodies in the province.

Ryan has a passion to give back to the profession and is a current member of the CPA Manitoba Tax Committee which helps advise on tax policy. Previously, he was a member of CGA Manitoba's Public Practice Task Force.



# Early Achievement Award

## Sara Stasiuk, CPA, CMA

Sara was admitted to membership in 2010 and is VP Finance and Operations at The Forks North Portage Partnership – a key stakeholder in the development of downtown Winnipeg which is responsible for the ownership, management and on-going renewal of The Forks and North Portage sites.

She began her career with what is now Manitoba Music in 2001 as a program manager and became the organization's Executive Director seven years later. In this role, her mandate was to help strengthen the province's music industry. During her tenure, she served on the Winnipeg JUNO Committee, the Western Canadian Music Alliance, the FACTOR National Advisory Board and many other music, entertainment and arts-focused boards and committees.

In 2015, Sara became the Director of Operations at Six Shooter Records and Interstellar Rodeo and was tasked with overseeing the record label's operations and the company's festival expansion. In her time with the company, she brought Interstellar Rodeo to Winnipeg music fans and the festival made CBC's 'Top 10 summer music festivals' list.

Sara has also shared her unique career path with those looking to pursue a professional accounting designation by participating on events panels, speaking at information sessions and being profiled for recruitment materials.



# Community Service Award

The CPA Manitoba Community Service Award is bestowed to members who have made outstanding contributions to community service or volunteer organizations.



# Community Service Award

## Richard Pope, FCPA, FCA

Richard is the Managing Partner and CEO at Pope & Brookes Chartered Professional Accountants and has been giving back to the community for the last 34 years.

His first of many volunteer contributions came in 1984 when he joined CA Manitoba's Public Relations Committee to give back to the profession. Since then, he has sat on numerous CA Manitoba committees and was an elected member of Council for three consecutive terms in 2005 to 2011. He is currently a member of CPA Manitoba's Complaints Investigation Committee.

Outside the profession, Richard has continued to serve generously. He became involved with the Winnipeg Humane Society (WHS) as a board member, treasurer and vice-chairman before taking on the chair role in 2015. His involvement with the WHS has spanned 10 years of overseeing much transition for the organization.

Richard also spent 10 years volunteering for The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce in various roles, including vice-chair and 10 years with Winnipeg Crime Stoppers culminating with his role as board chairman in the 1990s.



# Community Service Award

## Scott Sissons, CPA, CA

Scott is an audit Partner at KPMG who has consistently served his community and the accounting profession throughout his over 20-year career.

In 2004, he was part of CA Manitoba's University Recruitment Committee and later, the High School Scholarships Committee, helping to inspire the next generation of designated accountants. For seven years, he participated on the Office Practice Assistance Committee. More recently, he was involved in the creation of CPA Manitoba through his work on CA Manitoba's Council, where he served from 2011 to 2015. Currently, he continues to support the profession as a member of CPA Manitoba's Practice Inspection Committee.

Outside the profession, Scott was instrumental in starting a governance committee at The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and this past September was selected as Director of the Year by The Chamber for the many hours he dedicated to that effort.

Scott also volunteers with the United Way of Winnipeg and is a board member with the Winnipeg Football Club, helping the organization develop a new strategic plan and oversee its implementation.



# Community Service Award

## Lorraine Taraska, FCPA, FCA

Lorraine was a self-employed accountant, before her retirement in 2003, who has faithfully given back to her community for the last 40 years. She has formally served over 20 non-profit organizations since 1978, providing vital accounting, governance and leadership expertise that small organizations often find hard to obtain.

She began by volunteering at St. Edward's Church as a parish accountant and choir director for 13 years. Lorraine was also the first female director and a member of the finance committee at the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Winnipeg for more than a decade.

Lorraine turned her attention to St. Paul's College at the University of Manitoba in the mid-1990s, where she served for ten years in a variety of roles including chair of finance.

She continued her commitment to making Winnipeg a better place by spending 11 years at St. Joseph's Residence Inc, a 100-bed, non-profit, long-term care facility while at the same time fulfilling the duties of parish accountant for St. Kateri Tekakwitha Aboriginal Catholic Parish from 2004 to 2013.

Since 2005, Lorraine has been helping newcomers to Canada through the Charleswood Refugee Ecumenical Sponsorship Team (CREST) by providing leadership and accounting best practices to ensure the group can achieve the maximum positive impact and also currently volunteers accounting time at Holy Name House of Peace.



# Meritorious Service Award

The CPA Manitoba Meritorious Service Award is bestowed to members, students, candidates or others who have served CPA Manitoba in a meritorious fashion.



# Meritorious Service Award

## Kenneth (Dean) Austin, CPA, CA

Dean is a Partner at Scarrow & Donald LLP and has provided exemplary service to the profession for almost two decades.

He served on CA Manitoba's Office Practice Assistance Committee from 2007 to 2015, while also participating on the University Recruitment Committee, Audit Committee and spending four years on CA Manitoba's Council.

Dean is also committed to assisting his peers and was recognized with the Kouri Berezan Heinrichs Outstanding Facilitator Award given to top facilitators at the CA School of Business.

He continues to be a strong contributor to the profession through his position as Chair of CPA Manitoba's Practice Inspection Committee and on-going commitment to education as a CPA Manitoba Professional Development Seminar Leader.



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