



Media Release

Three Manitoba Accounting Bodies Sign Merger Agreement

WINNIPEG, January 31, 2014 – Today, the Chartered Accountants of Manitoba, Certified Management Accountants of Manitoba, and Certified General Accountants of Manitoba have formally signed a merger agreement to unite the accounting profession in the province. This comes at a time when Canada’s more than 185,000 top accounting professionals are coming together to form a new designation: CPA – Chartered Professional Accountant.

“Today is a historic day for the accounting profession in Manitoba,” says Gary Hannaford, CEO, CA Manitoba. “We are excited for the next chapter as we work together now to build the CPA designation in the province.”

“CGA Manitoba looks forward to working together as one with our new partners to create a truly exceptional new organization in CPA Manitoba” says Grant Christensen, CEO, CGA Manitoba.

“On behalf of CMA Manitoba we are delighted with this important development,” says Ron Stoesz, CEO, CMA Manitoba. “We have a lot of work to do with integration, but we had a meeting with Provincial representatives on January 30 and we are optimistic that legislation will be passed in 2014.”

“This is a tremendous accomplishment,” says Kevin Dancey, President and CEO, CPA Canada. “On behalf of CPA Canada, I would like to acknowledge all of the hard work and effort from the Manitoba volunteers and staff to make unification a reality.”

CA, CGA, and CMA Manitoba will begin working together in executing the merger agreement, and building the Chartered Professional Accountant designation in Manitoba once legislation has passed. The merger will make CPA Manitoba one of the largest professions in the province with more than 9,000 members, students, and candidates.

Until such time as legislative changes are enacted in Manitoba, CA, CMA, and CGA members will maintain their current designation, and the three organizations will continue their existing mandates of self-regulation,

education, and advocacy.

About Chartered Professional Accountant

The Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA) designation is to be the pre-eminent, internationally recognized Canadian accounting designation and business credential that best protects and serves the public interest.

To date, all 40 of Canada's accounting bodies have either united or are committed to uniting under the CPA banner.

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