



NATOA Members Update

Summer 2010

Trustee Accreditation

The long anticipated Online Trustee Accreditation program is progressing on schedule. NATOA is currently developing the curriculum which will be delivered through the online system of Lethbridge College. It is expected the program will be ready for general registration sometime in the Fall/Winter 2010.

NATOA continues to appreciate the Trustee Accreditation Funding Partners, TD Waterhouse and the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. NATOA is also thankful for the contribution of the team at Lethbridge College and our members who are working very diligently to provide a comprehensive program.

NATOA Presentations

National Aboriginal Economic Development Board-Osoyoos BC- August 28-29

Chief Clarence Louie of the Osoyoos First Nation was so impressed with the work and passion he observed when he participated in the NATOA AGM, Chief Louie has invited NATOA to make a presentation on Trusts at the annual National Aboriginal Economic Development Board meetings in Osoyoos BC. Chairperson Wyatt Arcand, Executive Board Member, Sharon Stevenson and Advisory Board Chair, Kelly Rodgers, will be presenting at the conference.

Peace Hills Trust Workshop-Enoch First Nation, Alberta-September 23rd

NATOA Member, Georgina Villeneuve of Peace Hills Trust, has organized another regional workshop for clients of Peace Hills Trust where she has utilized the expertise of the NATOA membership. Peace Hills Trust had organized two previous workshops in Fort Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and

Winnipeg, Manitoba and this one will be held near Edmonton at the Enoch First Nation.

The Enoch First Nation workshop will feature presentation by NATOA members, Jeff Frketich, Kelly Rodgers, Steve Smith and Mark Sevestre, along with Georgina Villeneuve. The Winnipeg workshop had members presenting as well, Jeff Frketich, Jack Jamieson and Blaine Knott, and Mark Sevestre.

Pacific Business and Law Institute-Trust Issues-Ottawa, Ont-November 24th

The PBLI have invited NATOA Advisory Board Chair, Kelly Rodgers to Chair their Trust Issues Conference in Ottawa. The PBLI have also included 5 of the 7 presenters from the ranks of NATOA. Lawyers, Stephen Pillipow and Kim Fullerton are speaking on legal elements of Trust Issues, Georgina Villeneuve and Mark Sevestre will be speaking as well.

It is clear from the recent invitations from member companies and external sources, NATOA is becoming a valuable resource in the dissemination of Trust related information. NATOA's goal is to become the recognized authority in the area of Trust and Investment's for Aboriginal peoples. Whether these experts are being approached individually or they are recruited from the roster via NATOA, it is clear we are being sought out because of our growing profile. This is something we, as NATOA members, can all be very proud of.