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Not-For-Profit Organizations Exempt from Lobbyists Act

The government announced that what we have called public-service not-for-profit organizations will be totally exempted from the Lobbyists Act.

Bob Wyatt, Executive Director of The Muttart Foundation, who was fundamental in this success said, "This is the solution we had been hoping for, and it was made official when the bill was called for consideration in the Legislature's Committee of the Whole on November 16th . The announcement was made by Hon. Dave Hancock, Minister of Health and Wellness and the Government House Leader, who said the government had decided to introduce a "public-good exemption" to the bill".

The government has adopted essentially the same solution used in Quebec. The bill will exempt "directors, officers or employees" of a not-for-profit organization that "is not constituted to serve management, union or professional interests nor having a majority of members that are profit-seeking enterprises or representatives of profit-seeking enterprises".

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AAFRE Silent Auction and Luncheon

December 12th is the Annual Christmas Luncheon and Silent Auction. We are back at the beautiful Fantasyland Hotel with lots of room and great atmosphere. This is a great time to thank your volunteers and supporters so purchase a table and bring your guests to join in the fun! For every non-member that you bring you'll have your's and your guests name entered in a special Christmas draw!

Donations for the AAFRE Silent Auction can be sent in now. All proceeds support the AAFRE Professional Development Assistance Grant program. Be a part of it and donate an auction item. Contact Laura Svaljenko (428-2030) or Sherry Schaefer (442-5772) if you have any questions about the auction.



Message from the President

It is once again that special time of year when the colors all around us are changing; when our days are getting shorter, and soon everything will be covered in a blanket of white. It seems like only a few short days ago that we were spending many wonderful hours outdoors, while being afforded the opportunities for outdoor fundraisers such as golf tournaments, barbecues, runs, marathons and the like. Now that fall has come, a new season has begun, no less busy, just different. But as the old saying goes, “A change is as good as a rest.” We are now being forced indoors with the same or more challenges to continue to inspire the old and invoke to action the new supporters of each of our organizations.

With the commencement of our new 2007 – 2008 AAFRE Program, your Board of Directors is working hard to ensure that this next year’s program will once again support all our members to exceed their goals while increasing capacity and perhaps even achieving unprecedented success!

We began this fall with the Harvey McKinnon presentation on Monthly Giving, followed by a very informative presentation from Graeme Dawes of Sign Cellar on the topic of, “To Sell Or Not To Sell”.

November’s luncheon will prove even more essential, as it will afford us the opportunity to become more informed on the issues surrounding Bill 1, The Lobbyist Act. Presenting on this topic will be Bob Wyatt, Executive Director of the Muttart Foundation, who has been extremely committed to effecting change through presentations and petitions brought to

the Government Committee responsible for this Bill. Due to the urgency of this matter, I urge you to set time aside to come and hear what the implications and effects of this Bill will be for each and every one of our non-profit agencies in this Province

As we approach 2008 and a new year of promise and expectations, AAFRE will celebrate its 20th year of service to its members throughout the Province of Alberta. We have come a long way from 1988 when the society was incorporated to give fundraisers in the City an opportunity to interact with others in the field, partake in professional development and influence the Alberta fund-raising sector. Fifteen years ago when we published our first membership directory we had 168 members and currently the directory lists over 300. We would not be where we are today without the volunteer efforts of strong Boards led by incredible Presidents like Peter Carter, Terry Flannigan, Paul Nahirney, Joan Laurie, Albert Brule, Wylie Stafford, Donna Lemieux, Barry Runnalls, Tim Haak, Marc Barylo, Ron Coulombe, Vicki Van Vliet Vaitkunas, Joyce Tutt and Cindy Wilson. To celebrate the great work done over the past twenty years, a very special luncheon is being planned in conjunction with Celebrate Excellence being held in March 2008.

On that note, this is the perfect time to begin formulating your submission for Role of Honour Nominations to be submitted in the very near future. Don’t wait for spring, do it now!

In closing, your AAFRE Board of Directors wants to wish you much success in the coming months.

-Pam Miller

AAFRE Luncheon Meetings

AAFRE luncheons are a great way to learn and network. Pencil in the following dates for our 2007-2008 program year and watch your email for details. Unless otherwise indicated the meetings are held between noon and 1:30 pm at the Edmonton Petroleum Club.

Wednesday - December 12, 2007

Annual Christmas Luncheon & Auction
Location: Fantasyland Hotel

Wednesday - February 20, 2008

Volunteers and Boards

Wednesday - January 16, 2008

Website Best Practices and AAFRE website relaunch

Wednesday - March 19, 2008

20th Anniversary and Celebrate Excellence

AAFRE Professional Development Assistance Grant

Maximum Available raised to
\$500/person

Are you planning to upgrade your
fundraising skills in the near
future?

Please consider the AAFRE Professional Development Assistance Grant

The grant was created to support our members in their efforts to increase and upgrade their fund development skills.

There are many professional development opportunities to consider. Grants can be used towards registration fees for courses, conferences, workshops and other learning opportunities.

AAFRE members in good standing are eligible to apply, providing you or your organization has not received a professional development grant in the last year.

For more information please call Maureen Henkel at STARS Foundation at 732-3006 or email mhenkel@stars.ca

Up Coming Workshops

Gift Planning 101: The Art and Science of Gift Planning Speaker: Brian Shea

January 23, 2008

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Grant MacEwan College, City Centre,
Room 5-142

Canadian Association of Gift Planners (CAGP) presents an interactive session examining the essentials of a clear and simple gift planning program. Prospect identification, relationship building and the stewardship of donors will be discussed as key elements in establishing your gift planning program. A review of common gift planning vehicles within the context of implementing a program will also be offered, along with any government updates recently introduced.

Registration is \$25 for CAGP members and \$30 for non-members. Please RSVP to mien.jou@exr.ualberta.ca by January 15, 2008. For more information on this session and speaker Brian Shea, http://www.rcvo.org/events_files/events.html

Executive Leadership in the Non- profit Sector Grant MacEwan College

The Executive Leadership in the Non-profit Sector program was developed in response to the need for leadership development for current and future executive-director-level employees of

non-profit organizations. It has been designed for those who are already working in the non-profit arena, or who are looking to move into the sector. The program will provide the learner with skills unique to the non-profit sector, teaching leadership competencies as defined by the [National Learning Initiative for the Voluntary Sector \(NLI\)](#).

Delivered in a hybrid model, with most of the coursework completed through distance, on-line delivery, the program will take eighteen months to complete. Assignments and projects will be tailored for completion within your current work environment or with the assistance of a non-profit organization.

For complete program details, visit Executive Leadership in the Non-profit Sector, <http://business.macewan.ca/gmcc/vsm/home/index.cfm>, email executiveleadership@macewan.ca, or call (780) 497-5268 for information.

Information sessions will be held at MacEwan's City Centre campus on following dates:

January 30, 2008 at 6:00 pm

March 26, 2008 at 6:00 pm

For more information on registration or to arrange an in-person information session, please contact: Brigitte Rondeau at (780) 497-5534 or rondeaub@macewan.ca.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Yes, it is that time year. Have you given thought to what to donate for AAFRE's Annual Silent Auction to be held December 12th? Remember all proceeds raised from the auction go towards a professional development fund for AAFRE members.

Last year's Silent Auction was a phenomenal success with members asking their organizations, friends and family for donations!

You can drop off or mail your donation, making sure that it is properly labeled to AAFRE's attention, and please include a business card so that we can thank you in our newsletter.

Drop off or mail your donation to:

Kipnes Centre for Veterans
4470 McCrae Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T5E 6M8
Attn: Sherry Schaefer
442-5772

CKUA Radio Network
10526 Jasper Ave.
Edmonton, AB
T6J 1Z7
Attn: Laura Svajlenko
428-2030

YMCA – Jamie Platz
7121-178 Street
Edmonton, AB
T5T 5T9
Attn: Janet Tryhuba
481-9622

All donations must be received before December 1st.

Please contact Laura Svaljenko (428-2030) or Sherry Schaefer (442-5772) if you have any questions about the auction.

Lobbyist Act

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Volunteers who are not paid anything other than expenses were already exempted from the provisions of the Act.

For all charities, and for the vast majority of not-for-profit organizations in Alberta, this announcement is great news indeed!

“You should all be very proud of yourselves. Every MLA or staff member I spoke with told me of contacts they had from the voluntary sector. We got our message across and helped make clear the major impact the legislation would have on our sector. I encourage you to call or write to your MLA and offer your thanks for the change in the legislation. Just as we let them know when we were unhappy, it's important to let them know when we believe they have done well”, said Wyatt .

“And I want to thank all of you for your encouragement and your efforts in dealing with this challenge. It represented an unprecedented coming together of organizations from almost all subsectors, and from all areas of the province. To me, it is a wonderful demonstration of what we can do when we work together - a lesson I hope we will all learn and use more often”, he added.

AAFRE would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the many people involved especially to Bob Wyatt; Karen Lynch of Volunteer Alberta; Katherine von Kooy and team at the Calgary Chamber of Voluntary Organizations; Russ Dahms and team at the Edmonton Chamber of Voluntary Organization; and Professor Lois E. Gander, U of A Faculty of Extension, who authored the report *A Preliminary Assessment of its Implications for Not-for-Profit Organizations in Alberta* for the Legal Resource Centre.

AAFRE Celebrate Excellence & 20th Anniversary

2008 marks the 20th Anniversary of AAFRE and we will be celebrating this milestone at our Celebrate Excellence Award Luncheon on

March 19, 2008.

Please join us at this auspicious occasion.

Visit the AAFRE website for nomination forms

www.aafre.org

Celebrate Excellence Awards

AAFRE 2008 ROLL OF HONOUR

This non-competitive award will Celebrate Excellence among outstanding supporters of non-profit organizations.

Any AAFRE organizational member in good standing is invited to nominate no more than one volunteer, donor, association or business for outstanding commitment to the nominating organization.

Each nomination must be supported and signed by a senior staff person from the nominating organization. Rationale outlined in this written nomination must illustrate why the nominee deserves to receive this award.

The Celebrate Excellence Committee will review each submission and recommend recipients to the AAFRE Board of Directors.

This committee is appointed annually and shall consist of at least three (3) AAFRE members in good standing. No committee member shall be eligible for the award.

Chair of the Celebrate Excellence Committee is a member of the AAFRE Board of Directors.

Volunteers, associations or businesses named to the Roll of Honour will receive a special award.

Their name and the nominating organization name will be listed in the Roll of Honour.

The closing date for **ALL** nominations is 4:30 pm, February 1, 2008.

AAFRE OUTSTANDING SERVICE

This award may be presented annually to an active individual member of AAFRE who has shown leadership and professional ability in the field of fundraising.

Written nominations are invited from all AAFRE members. Each nomination must be supported and signed by three nominators, who are able and qualified to illustrate the nominee's worthiness to receive this particular award. The Celebrate Excellence Committee will review each submission and recommend a recipient to the AAFRE Board of Directors.

In evaluating the nomination, the committee will consider, at a minimum, the following criteria:

- Attendance and participation in AAFRE meetings, workshops and other AAFRE sponsored programs and events
- Submissions to AAFRE's quarterly newsletter
- Knowledge level in the fundraising profession
- Willingness to share their time and abilities with other AAFRE members
- Major professional and volunteer accomplishments
- Level of community involvement

The nominee's contributions and accomplishments during the period between January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007 will be given special consideration. Accomplishments outside this time period, however, will be given consideration.

The closing date for **ALL** nominations is 4:30 p.m., February 1, 2008.

ABC HEAD START

ABC Head Start is a comprehensive preschool and family support program for families with low incomes. Our goal is to prepare children for a successful educational experience in partnership with their family and community.

ABC Head Start has been working with low income families and their preschool children since 1985.

Children attend a preschool program that prepares them for success in their future learning and offers enhanced services to address their individual needs. Parents are offered a variety of opportunities to access learning, receive support and make connections with individuals and services in the community.

Healthy children start with healthy families. Because parents are their child's first and most important

teachers, they have the right and a responsibility to be actively involved in their child's education. ABC Head Start promotes families' physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being.

All children and families are unique and have individual strengths. ABC Head Start recognizes and builds on these strengths.

Vision Statement
Every child a successful learner.
Every family a committed partner.
Every community a strong supporter.

Mission Statement
Working with low income families and their preschool children to achieve success in learning and life.

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Job Postings

AAFRE is pleased to offer a job posting service for its members and any organization with a fund development position to fill.

Each job posting is distributed by email to AAFRE's 300+ members and posted on the AAFRE website for a period of one month or until the closing date for the position.

Fees for this service are:
Member Rate \$75 per posting
Non-member Rate \$150 per posting

Please email your posting to:
info@aafre.org.