



**International Fiscal Association (Canadian Branch)
Association fiscale internationale (Section canadienne)**

**IFA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
May 23, 2014, Toronto ON**

Call to Order

Mr. Stephen Bowman, President, called the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Branch to order Friday May 23, 2014 at 8:15 a.m. in the Hilton Toronto Hotel, Toronto ON. He welcomed all present.

1. Approval of the Minutes

On a motion duly moved and seconded the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held May 24, 2013 in Montreal QC were approved as circulated.

2. President's Report

IFA Canada has produced more programs and professional activities than ever before – a commitment to engaging the membership across the country and strengthening the association's sense of purpose and relevance. The Joint Canada-USA International Tax Conference underway has 314 registered delegates, including 65 USA members. President Bowman thanked the co-chairs, Brian Mustard, Patrick Marley, Steven Hannes, and Peter Glicklich and all of the panel chairs, speakers, rapporteurs and attendees.

The 2014 Travelling Lectureship was held jointly with the Canadian Tax Foundation, and thanks were extended to Larry Chapman and his team at CTF. The full-day lectureship was held in Toronto and Calgary.

The Spring and Fall webinars were organized and presented by the Young IFA Network (YIN) Committee, led by YIN Chair Michael Kandev. The Communications Committee produced their second year-end newsletter.

IFA Canada has a strong commitment to support research projects and recently contributed \$12,500 to the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs for their project "Strengthening capacity of National Tax Administrations and Ministries of Finance in developing countries to protect and broaden their tax base for financing of sustainable development". Sponsorship of \$10,000 annually for three years toward the development of the Waterloo Centre for Taxation in a Global Economy has also been contributed.

IFA Canada is the 4th largest of IFA's 66 branches and a number of our members are involved in IFA Central. Nick Pantaleo recently stepped down from the IFA Executive Committee, and Brian Schneiderman has been elected in his place. Robert Couzin completed his term as chair of the Permanent Scientific Committee and Scott Wilkie has been elected Vice Chair of the Committee to be confirmed at the 2014 Congress. Michael Kandev is one of two alternating secretaries of the IFA YIN Committee. Mr. Bowman encouraged members to attend the Mumbai Congress 2014, and noted that IFA Canada has submitted a request to be considered for a future Congress.

The Executive and Council during the coming year will be looking for ways to increase membership and activities in Western Canada, and will be considering changes to the structure and membership of Council.

Mr. Bowman thanked the IFA Office staff and the Branch Executive for their work and time during the past year.

3. **Audited Financial Statements 2013**

It was duly moved and seconded that the audited financial statements for 2013 be approved as circulated.

4. **Appointment of Auditors for 2014**

It was duly moved and seconded that Collins Barrow Kingston LLP be approved as the auditor for the 2014 financials.

5. **Confirmation of Composition of Council for 2014-2015**

It was duly moved and seconded that the following compose the Council for 2014-2015:

Stephen Bowman, Vice President
Ronald Durand, 1st Vice President
Brian Mustard, 2nd Vice President
Sandra Jack, Secretary
Patrick Marley, Treasurer
Nick Pantaleo, Past President

Thomas Akin, Councilor
Brian Arnold, Councilor
Jack Bernstein, Councilor
Eric Bretsen, Councilor
Ken Buttenham, Councilor
Larry Chapman, Councilor, Representative, CTF
Jason Durkin, Councilor
Brian Ernewein, Councilor, Representative, Department of Finance
Michael Kandev, Councilor
Howard Kellough, Councilor
Claire Kennedy, Councilor
Janice McCart, Councilor
Terry McDowell, Councilor
Mark Meredith, Councilor
Lynn Moen, Councilor
Angelo Nikolakakis, Councilor
Shawn Porter, Councilor
Jennifer Ryan, Councilor, Representative, CRA
Jim Samuel, Councilor
Jacques Sasseville, Councilor
Arnold Sherman, Councilor
Steve Suarez, Councilor
Peter van Dijk, Councilor
Penny Woolford, Councilor

Albert Baker, Councilor (Past President 2007-2009)
Nathan Boidman, Councilor (Past President 1995-1997)
Robert Couzin, Councilor (Past President 1991-1993)
Robert Raizenne, Councilor (Past President 2009-2011)
Stephen Ruby, Councilor (Past President 2001-2003)
Brian Schneiderman, Councilor (Past President 1999-2001)
J. Scott Wilkie, Councilor (Past President 2003-2005)
Gordon Williamson, Councilor (Past President 1997-1999)

President Bowman noted that two long-serving Past Presidents had stepped down from Council - John Haag and Helmut Birk.

Honorary Member

It was duly moved and seconded that Nathan Boidman be elected as an Honorary Member of IFA Canada.

6. **Adjournment**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 8:30 a.m.