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**AFOA CANADA TO WELCOME 36 NEW CERTIFIED ABORIGINAL PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATORS (CAPA)
AND 20 NEW CERTIFIED ABORIGINAL FINANCIAL MANAGERS (CAFMs) AT ITS 15TH ANNIVERSARY
NATIONAL CONFERENCE IN WINNIPEG, MB, FEBRUARY 17-19, 2015**

Ottawa, Ontario, February 12th, 2015 – AFOA Canada (formerly the Aboriginal Financial Officer Association of Canada) is pleased to welcome 20 New *Certified Aboriginal Financial Managers (CAFMs)* and 36 New *Certified Aboriginal Professional Administrators (CAPA)* to its community of professionals and membership. The convocation ceremony will take place during the 15th Anniversary National Conference at the RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba on February 19, 2015 where over 900 Aboriginal leaders, senior managers and professionals will attend this event. The theme of the conference is, "***Business Development - Capitalizing on Opportunities that Lead to Self-reliance and Economic Prosperity***"

"Congratulations to all who received their designations! I would like to acknowledge the time, dedication and commitment these professionals have made to complete these programs as they recognize the importance and need to raise the standards of performance in their communities/organizations across Canada. The knowledge and skills gained through this process will readily transfer to work environments as these graduates continue to apply what has been learned to better serve their communities/ organizations." says Dr. Paulette Tremblay, Vice President of Education and Training, AFOA Canada.

2014/15 CAFMs

Orville Apetagon, MB
Rayna Barter, BC
Sheila Buffalo, SK
Randy Chase, ON
Kyle Christopherson, SK
R. Terry Ettawacappo, MB
Everett Freeman, ON

Margaret Harding, ON
Catherine Marangu, YT
Matthew Horton, NS
George Merasty, MB
Connie Moon Martin, QC
Scott Munro, BC
Elsa Neuman, MB

Arthur Olszewski, MB
Colin Pennier, BC
Ruth Pierce, SK
Ashley Waring, ON
Tanya Whitehead, SK
Michelle Yazer, NS

2014/15 CAPAs

Eric B. Alex, BC
Sabastian Baraniuk, MB
Suzanne Barbeau-Bracegirdle,
MB
Shannon Beaverbones, AB
Primrose Bloomfield, MB
Darcy Bolton, MB
Jeannie M. Carriere, MB
Derek Dick, MB

Eleanor Dick, MB
Tabitha Eneas, BC
Heather Fader, BC
Clarence Flett, MB
Bonita Fontaine, MB
Jessica Geswin-Neveux, MB
Veronica Hayward, AB
Donald Head, MB
Beverly Hofheinz, MB

Arlene Johnston, BC
Irene Kootenay, AB
Manon Lamontagne, QC
Delores Lavallee, MB
Lyle Leo (T'musta7), BC
Cheryl Martin, MB
Frederick Martin, MB
Delphine Morin, SK
Allan Munroe, MB
Emily Potts, AB

Sherri Running Rabbit, AB
Brian Scott, MB
Lucille Wright, AB

Linda Simon, BC
Natasha Spence, MB
Sharon Stevenson, MB

Shirley Tulman, MB
Elaine Uppahuak-Prusky, NU
Clinton Whitehead, MB

About CAPA

The CAPA program was developed to enhance the knowledge and professional development of senior and aspiring administrators/managers working in Aboriginal communities and organizations. Through professional training and a national certification process, the CAPA program provides new networking opportunities, environments for learning, and access to promising practices for working with Aboriginal communities and organizations at all levels. The CAPA Program is designed to set high quality competency standards and provide learning opportunities which will enable administrators/managers working in Aboriginal communities and organizations to gain the knowledge and skills to significantly enhance their workplace performance.

About CAFM

The financial environment of our communities and organizations is becoming more complex and the knowledge and skills our financial managers require are becoming more sophisticated. The CAFM Program is designed to meet these challenges and is based on rigorous competency standards focusing on technical knowledge, general management, leadership and ethical standards. The program is based on a combination of education and experience in Aboriginal financial management.

About AFOA Canada

AFOA Canada is a membership driven organization and was founded as a not-for-profit association in 1999. The organization supports Aboriginal professionals in managing and governing their communities and organizations through a focus on enhancing finance, management and leadership practices and skills.

AFOA Canada's premise is that the key to economic prosperity and creating a better life for Canada's Aboriginal people is in improving the management skills of those responsible for the stewardship of Aboriginal resources. AFOA Canada has become the centre of excellence and innovation in Aboriginal finance, management and leadership. It is the largest and only organization in Canada that focuses on the capacity development and day to day needs of those Aboriginal professionals who are working in all of these areas. Our products and programs are developed by Aboriginal professionals for Aboriginal Professionals.

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