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**AASCF NEWS****April 1<sup>st</sup> is Membership Renewal**

It is that time of year again. You will be sent your membership renewal as invoice this year (like last year). Given the financial picture the Board has decided that there will be no increase in membership fees this year. So you will be assessed the same as last year and if you have had an increase in business or a decrease you can let us know and we will adjust the fee accordingly. Remember to let your staff know they are all eligible to access AASCF corporate discounts - details can be found in the membership area of our website. Remember to take advantage of [Free Job Postings](#) included in your AASCF Membership – send your postings as attachments to [durrant@aascf.com](mailto:durrant@aascf.com)

**Deadline April 30, 2010** [AASCF Leadership Bursary](#)

**Mark Your Calendar - AASCF Membership Meeting April 30, 2010 Red Deer** (registration available soon)

**AASCF Welcome New Members - Child Find Alberta**

**SECTOR NEWS**

**New Name for Settlement AtWork:** The new name will be Working With Newcomers, along with a new site address - [www.workingwithnewcomers.ca](http://www.workingwithnewcomers.ca)

**New Website** [The Non Profit Voluntary Sector Table](#) for the Alberta NonProfit Voluntary Sector Initiative consists of representatives from various subsectors of the Non Profit Sector, working with Government of Alberta representatives from across numerous Ministries. The NPVS Table aims to help organizations and Albertans get a good look at the Provincial Budget. They are currently developing a series of fact sheets, the first being [About Alberta's Business Plan and Budget](#).

[The National Aboriginal Health Organization \(NAHO\)](#) is looking for nominations for its [National Aboriginal Role Model Program](#). Each year, the program celebrates the achievements, leadership and innovation of 12 First Nations, Inuit and Métis role models between the ages of 13 to 30 and inspires them to strive to reach future goals. Throughout the year, role models have the opportunity to visit First Nations, Inuit and Métis communities and share their stories with other youth. Selection is based on nominations from other Aboriginal youth aged 13 to 30. **Nominations must be submitted by March 19, 2010.**

[Central Alberta Career Fair April 7, 2010 9:30 am to 6:00 pm Westerner Park 4847 - 19 Street Red Deer](#)

[World Social Work Month March Of Each Year](#)

[World Social Work Day March 16, 2010](#)

[2010 ACSW - National Social Work Week "Social Workers Speaking up: Poverty costs" March 1 – 7, 2010](#)

**CAMPAIGNS & INITIATIVES**

**Mental Health Commission of Canada Developing a Mental Health Strategy for Canada: The Next Steps**

The Mental Health Commission of Canada has announced the start of the 2nd phase of the mental health strategy development plan. Beginning in March 2010, the Commission will host a series of roundtable meetings. As part of this year's Alternative Federal Budget project, the Canadian [Centre for Policy Alternatives](#) have initiated an [online consultation](#). What our governments do in the coming months will deeply affect whether the economic recovery only works for those invested in stock markets or whether it works for every Canadian household: rich, poor, or middle class. What do you think the priorities of the 2010 federal budget should be? [Take part in the CCPA's Alternative Federal Budget online!](#)

**REPORTS** To view additional reports visit our [Reports Page](#)

The Muttart Foundation, Alberta Culture & Community Spirit, and TransCanada have worked together to sponsor a break-out of Alberta-specific data from the 2007 Canada Survey of Giving, Volunteering and Participating. [Giving & Volunteering for Sports and Recreation Organizations in Alberta](#)  
[Giving & Volunteering for Social Services Organizations in Alberta](#)

[Poverty Trends by Province, 1976-2007](#) This latest Poverty Profile bulletin looks at poverty in Canada broken down by province. Accompanying this bulletin are detailed tables and charts showing poverty trends for each province.

[Accumulated experience, quality of services, family characteristics and development of three-year-old children in various types of child care beginning in the first year of life](#) By Nathalie Bigras, Lise Lemay, Mélissa Tremblay, Liesette Brunson, Université du Québec à Montréal 2009

[Naturalizing Indigenous Knowledge report Dr. Leroy Little Bear 2009](#)

[Hard Truths: Canada's Social Deficit Peggy Taillon Canadian Council on Social Development Feb 2010](#)

**AWARDS, GRANTS & BURSARIES** A comprehensive list can be found on our website under Sector Resources. Please visit our [Awards, Grants and Bursaries Page](#) for full listing.**ConocoPhillips Youth of Distinction Awards.**

Recognize deserving youth, 13-18 years of age, for the remarkable ways in which they have chosen to live. The awards are not academic rather they focus on leadership, friendship, overcoming personal challenge, and community service

**Deadline March 15, 2010**

**Minerva Foundation**

Special focus on children and youth, the mentally and physically challenged, and the areas of health, education and culture.

**Deadline March 31, 2010**

**Junior League of Edmonton - "Children, Youth and Families at Risk." Community Assistance Fund Grant**

Organizations requesting funds must be registered charities, operate within the Edmonton area, grant goals that are congruent with those of the League and have a specific and defined use for the funds requested. Requests will not be considered for operating or administrative expenses, salaries, funding drives, political campaigns or individuals. Applicants must not have received a grant from the Community Assistance Fund for a three-year period prior to the current application.

**Deadline March 31, 2010**

**Alberta Solicitor General and Ministry of Public Security Grant Funding Programs**

Alberta Solicitor General and Ministry of Public Security administers grant funding programs to support and empower communities in addressing their respective crime issues and concerns.

**Deadline April 1, 2010**

**Edmonton Social Planning Council Award of Merit of Advocacy of Social Justice**

Honours forward-looking and courageous individuals and groups who have not turned away from controversy in an effort to seek social justice for their community)

**Deadline April 5, 2010**

**Laurel Awards**

The law firm of Duncan & Craig LLP has established the Laurel Awards to honour non-profit organizations who further their objectives through exceptional creativity and innovation. Nominated achievements will be evaluated on the basis of their successful innovation and creativity, regardless of size and overall budget. A maximum of three awards will be presented each year. Gold, silver and bronze awards will be made each year supported with cash prizes of \$3000, \$2000, and \$1000 respectively

**Deadline April 6, 2010**

**TRAINING PROVIDERS** This section of our website is a sourcing tool for ongoing training options offered by various providers. It includes on line and regular courses, on and off site seminars, workshops, presentations, certification information as well as additional training options & resources. Please visit our [Training Page](#) to view all listings.

Banff Centre Certificate of Aboriginal Leadership, Governance, and Management Excellence Earn your [certificate](#) by completing a total of six programs.

[Aboriginal Leadership and Management Development](#)

[Best Practices in Aboriginal Business and Economic Development](#)

[Establishing Effective Aboriginal Relationships](#)

[Establishing Institutions of Good Governance](#)

[Indigenous Women in Leadership](#)

[Inherent Right to Indigenous Governance](#)

[Negotiation Skills Training](#)

[Principles and Practice of Good Governance](#)

[Strategic Planning](#)

[Online Nonprofit Organization and Management Development Program - The Free Nonprofit Micro-eMBA\(SM\)](#)

Uof C offer New Program! [Certificate in Working With Homeless Populations: Basic Skills and Practices](#) This certificate, the first of its kind in Canada, provides the basis for interprofessional practice in working with homeless people, and will present basic knowledge and skills necessary for front-line workers to engage and provide appropriate interventions for homeless persons.

CanadaHelps.Org has released its line-up of [MyCharityConnects webinars](#) for 2010. The **free** hour-long sessions include building email lists, social media tools & impact measuring, and online fundraising.

The Centre for Race and Culture (Alberta) offers [Customized Training – Topics Related to Diversity In The Workplace](#)

[Free On Line Course "Liaising with Alberta Child and Family Services: Professional Practice Questions Regarding Child Welfare"](#) for Child Welfare for physicians, AHS staff and other Alberta professionals. In this course, they are interested in answering the questions of how to identify a child in need of care, when and how to refer to child welfare, questions of confidentiality, when a clinician is required to disclose, and the role of Social Services. There is something here for everyone – presentations by representatives of Child and Family Services and the disciplines/Colleges of nursing, social work, psychology, and medicine. There will be both interdisciplinary and within-discipline discussion boards. **The course is accredited for continuing professional development credit, and will be open for 1 month on a repeated basis throughout 2010. For the first course offering, please register before Mar 15, 2010.**

**CoachWorks® International, Inc.,**

Providers of executive coaching services and leadership training materials, resources and services nationally and internationally. A full range of resources are available for use organizationally and individually including coaching to the [Legacy Leadership® model](#), training events, individual workbooks, hardcopy assessments and development plans, a full service online 360 feedback service

**FREE** Online Seminars offered by The Calgary Learning Centre.

[Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder \(AD/HD\)](#)

[Learned Helplessness](#)

[Practical Strategies to Support a Learning Disabled Student in an Early Elementary Classroom](#)

[Self Advocacy](#)

[Studying Beyond High School](#)

[Teaching Memory Strategies to All Ages in the Regular Classroom](#)

**SCHEDULED WORKSHOPS** This section of our website includes any scheduled training workshops, seminars or conferences. There are many additional workshops & conference currently posted on our website. Visit the [workshop page](#) for full listings.

[Leadership Circle National Program](#) – As the economy begins to recover and organizations awoken to the power of inclusion, corporate leaders are endorsing the business case for Aboriginal inclusion and working in partnership with the Aboriginal Human Resource Council to create inclusive workplaces across Canada  
**Webinar** March 12, 2010

**Webinars Series – Manage Risk Confidently**

Managing the Risks of Uncertain Funding

**Webinar** March 10, 2010

Risk Management – What Non Profits Need to Know

**Webinar** March 12, 2010

Good Governance: Challenges & Solutions

**Webinar** March 18, 2010

Risk-Proof Volunteer Involvement

**Webinar** March 26, 2010

Insurance for Your Nonprofit: What You Need to Know

**Webinar** March 29, 2010

Managing Volunteer Driver Risk

**Webinar**, April 7, 2010

Fear Busters for Board Members

**Webinar** April 14, 2010

Managing the Risk of Employee Liability for Charities and Nonprofits

**Webinar** April 26, 2010

**Naslund Consulting - Great Supervision Training**

Edmonton Level 1 – April 19 & 20, 2010

Edmonton Level 2 – May 10 & 11, 2010

Edmonton Level 3 – June 22 & 23, 2010

**Alternatives to Becoming a Charity**

**Webinar** March 9, 2010

**Watch It Grow: How To Cultivate Your Email List**

**Free Webinar** March 10, 2010

**Practice Makes Perfect: A peer learning opportunity focused on HR issues in nonprofit organizations**

Calgary, March 10, 2010

**The 'Brainy' Approach to Leading People and Change**

**Webinar** March 11, 2010

**Boys & Working with Boys' Brains**

Calgary, March 15, 2010

**Understanding Privacy Legislation: How It Enables Information Sharing**

Calgary, March 17, 2010

**Understanding ADHD as a Disorder of Self-Control and Executive Functioning What It Means for Managing a Child with ADHD**

Calgary March 18, 2010

**Inspiring Hope Through Action, Creativity and Commitment**

Edmonton March 19, 2010

**AAFL Annual Conference**

Edmonton March 19-20, 2010

**Applying for Charitable Status**

**Webinar** March 23, 2010

**Medications used in Child and Adolescent Mental Health: An Introduction**

Calgary, March 23, 2010

**The Value of Being Online and How to Get Your Board Onside**

**Free Webinar** March 24, 2010

**Integrating and Retaining Internationally Educated Professionals Workshop**

Edmonton March 24, 2010

**Charitable Purposes**

**Webinar** March 30, 2010

**Management of Chronic Pain and Addiction Patient**

**Video conference** VCS ID#245671 April 8, 2010

**Alberta Council of Disability Services Spring Conference**

Edmonton April 12-14, 2010

**The Power of Trust in the Workplace - Increasing Employee Retention & Productivity**

Calgary April 13, 2010

**The Power of Trust in the Workplace - Increasing Employee Retention & Productivity**

Edmonton April 16, 2010

**Five Free Online Tools Your Charity Could Use**

**Free Webinar** April 21, 2010

**What is CanadaHelps and Why Should My Charity Sign Up?**

**Free Webinar** April 28, 2010

**RESOURCES****Pfeiffer's (Web Service)**

Offers ready-to-use materials-including exercises, activities, games, instruments, and assessments-for use during training or team-learning

[Question Pro \(Available in Canada\)](#) – Delivers online surveys & research and offer a balance between flexibility and ease-of-use.

[Post your Event with PovNet](#) - If you are a non-profit advocacy group working in Canada and you would like to have an event listed please feel free to send them our information.

[FREE eBook For Fundraising Tools for Carnivals and Fairs or purchase a comprehensive carnival money-making guide to kick-start your planning!](#)

**Ryerson Listening to Families Project**

Researchers have developed resources for early childhood practitioners with best practices in working with newcomer families, families living in poverty and families with children with special needs.

**New Benchmark Comparison Report for the Board Self Assessment Tool.**

They've heard your requests for comparison data, and are pleased to unveil the new Benchmark Report which gives you a side-by-side comparison of your board's scores to other organizations that have taken the [Board-Source Board Self-Assessment](#). Focused on performance in nine areas of board responsibility ranging from strategic planning to financial oversight, the report gives you baseline data for board and organizational practices such as key policies, board structure, fundraising practices, and operations. If you've been wondering how your board's performance stacks up against other nonprofit boards, this report is for you. There is an additional fee for the Benchmark Report.

**DrugWatch.com (Web Service)**

Web Site Database Featuring Extensive Information About Thousands Of Different Medications And Drugs currently on the market or previously available worldwide. DrugWatch.com includes up-to-date information about prescription and over-the-counter medications and includes details about associated side effects to aid in the protection of patients and consumers.

Upcoming book launch in Edmonton on Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Freehand Books *Bitter Medicine: A Graphic Memoir of Mental Illness* by Clem Martini and Olivier Martini. The launch will feature an exhibition of selected artwork from the book, a screening of *Shattered Dreams*, a 1989 documentary written and narrated by Clem Martini, and a reading and Q & A with both authors. Axis Cafe Thursday 10349 Jasper Ave Edmonton March 25, 2010 7:00 p.m. Free.