

SWO-ISCEBS

Education Committee Annual Report for 2018

Incumbent: Vacant

The role of the Education Chair is to facilitate the delivery of educational sessions and other chapter events. Education sessions primarily focus on emerging and current issues and trends relating to the Benefits and Pension industry.

Depending on the scope of the event, the preparation of this role varies. The resources available to prepare for such events are vast (e.g. event preparation guideline, flyer preparation, education credits and attendance formats).

For 2018, the role of Education Chair was vacant. In the absence of a chair, the Secretary (Carrie Kurtz) project managed the events, and delegated tasks to the Board.

2018 Events:

In 2018, our Chapter delivered 3 successful events:

□ “*Medicalization of Unhappiness*” and “*Financial Issues and Impact on Mental Health*” on March 1st. This was a two-speaker event, with Peter Gove from Green Shield presenting, *Medicalization of Unhappiness* and Lindsay Bell from Manulife presenting, *Financial Issues and Impact on Mental Health*. This was a very successful event with 33 people registered.

□ “*Shining the Light on Bill 148 - HR Best Practices*” on October 16th with our speaker, Hali Van Vliet, BDO Canada. This event was well attended with 23 people registered.

□ “*Cannabis and what it means for benefit plans and the workplace (i.e. duty to accommodate)*” on November 21st with Mark Wright, Gold Blatt Partners. Our final numbers were 14 registered.

Our “*Fundamentals of Pension and Group Benefits*”, originally scheduled for October 3, was cancelled due to low attendance. The plan is to hold this event in May 2019 to see if we can get attendance up.

Feedback:

- All sessions were well received, and attendees continue to enjoy the two-speaker format.
- Holding Fundamentals in the Fall may be hurting our numbers due to a busy month of similar events in the region.

Closing Comments:

This role can be quite time consuming. Having the Secretary project manage the events is certainly manageable if checklist is followed. The Board was very willing to step in and complete tasks. In addition, the support of the team at ISCEBS Headquarters, was greatly appreciated.

Respectively submitted,
Carrie Kurtz, CEBS
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