



## **Dean Doige of Clark Builders New Edmonton Chapter President for the CIO Association of Canada (CIOCAN)**

This month, Dean Doige, Director of Information Services at Clark Builders, takes office as Edmonton Chapter President of the CIO Association of Canada (CIOCAN). Handing over the reins at an evening reception September 22 will be founding president, Darrell Jones, Senior VP and CIO at Canadian Western Bank.

CIOCAN's Edmonton chapter represents senior IT executives across a diverse group of industries, and includes senior academic experts in the field. Since its establishment in 2009, Edmonton chapter has offered its members live and on-line peer-to-peer networking events in a vendor-neutral atmosphere, professional development opportunities and sharing of best practices in business leadership, and advocacy on issues affecting the CIO profession.

Doige "This combination of senior executive focus and cross-industry representation provides an empowering, comprehensive sense of the local and provincial business landscape, and a valuable take on the influence of external markets. During the networking sessions that precede our events, members speak candidly about the issues they face both as individual CIOs and as members of this relatively new profession, and all contribute suggestions for improvement. We all get valuable ideas and the benefit of our peers' experiences to take back to our organizations. I'm very pleased to be leading our members in the next phase of our chapter, as we extend our reach and enhance our offerings."

Headlining the September 22 kick-off reception at the Northlands Expo Centre Ballroom is "Tour de CIO Association of Canada" a presentation by former international competitive cyclist Alex Stieda, who will tell his story of professional cycling and how it relates to the world of Information Technology.

The board of directors of CIOCAN's Edmonton Chapter includes, besides Doige and Jones, David Booth, CIO at North American Construction Group, Dwayne Ellis, CIO at AGS Group, Richard Hannah, Senior VP and CIO at the Brick Group, Rita Lazar-Tippe, Director of Technology Services at Northlands, Joe Schuldhuis, VP IT at the Triple Five Group of Companies, Leslie Sim-Kaiser, CIO IT Management at the Alberta Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology, and Paul Sorenson, Professor Emeritus, Computing Science, University of Alberta. The president of Edmonton Chapter is automatically a member of CIOCAN's national board, and Edmonton committee chairs are representatives on National Committees.

Jones "The CIO Association began in the west – Vancouver Chapter has been active since 1998. In 2004 CIOCAN went national; in 2006 we established Toronto Chapter, and in 2009 and 2010 we established chapters in Edmonton and Calgary respectively. Although our strongest ties are with our city chapter, we get the benefits of a national organization. We can confer with CIO colleagues across the country at regular webinars, and at our annual live CIO Peer Forum conference, and we can bring a national voice to bear on critical IT issues in such as the "IT Talent Gap" and

“Innovation and Productivity”. Our concerns are the concerns of all business leaders – but CIOs bring an added perspective to the table – how IT can drive business results.”

Doige: “I first joined the CIO Association to connect with Canadian IT executives after an early career spent interacting with US and international IT professionals. Using Edmonton as my base, my aim was to build strong local and national peer networks to help me grow in my profession, enhance my business skills, and exchange information on best executive practices with IT leaders sharing a Canadian perspective. My goals have been achieved very quickly due to the CIO Association’s focus on business leadership, mutual mentorship, and team camaraderie. For me, this is the value proposition on which our association delivers.”

For more information on the CIO Association of Canada’s Edmonton Chapter, or to register for the September 22 event contact:

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