

Chapter Spotlight

Newfoundland Labrador Chapter

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For a relatively small chapter in comparison to some of the Canadian chapters, we have had a very busy year. We strive to give our members the professional development they need and deserve.

Starting our year off with our AGM and selecting our new chapter President, Gordon Payne, we offered our members a speaker and topic that enlightened us all. Liam McErlean, a Human Resource Specialist, spoke to the group on the benefits of Work Life Balance and how important it is to maintain that balance for mental and physical well being. Our annual April Professional Development Day was filled with topics of Business Continuity, Claims Processes and Internal Risk Management Communications. With each topic relating to and building upon each other, every person in attendance was provided a true educational experience and offered many tips for their own personal professional development. We also provided a Fall ½ Professional Development Day on the topic of Directors and Officers Liability. With the focus on “Being a Director or Officer” and “Insuring the Director or Officer”. Local distinguished Newfoundland Labrador business leader, Vic Young, regaled us on his many years of being a Director or Officer on local and national boards and Brian Rosenbaum, Aon Canada’s preeminent Directors and Officers expert, provided insights from the perspective of the C-Suite. An exceptional duo in the understanding of the world of Directors & Officers Liability.

Also this year our small but committed group volunteered to cook a nutritious dinner for the families at the local Ronald McDonald House. For the many families in the house at that time, the group assembled a wonderful meal of Irish stew, dinner rolls and dessert. In appreciation for their work, the group was given a personal tour of the new Ronald McDonald House here in St. John’s and all agreed it was truly an overwhelming and humbling experience, one which we have decided to do again next summer.



As we have for many many years we end off our year with a Christmas Celebration. With all our members and associate member we are the first to start the yuletide season festivities. With food, drink and prizes, it is our way of saying thank you for their support all year long. Besides we so enjoy giving back to our members and to our community.

The Newfoundland Labrador Chapter has also been given the wonderful and exciting opportunity of hosting the Rims Canada Conference in three years time. With our new convention centre well underway, our many new hotels and of course our genetic predisposition to have a good time....we are really looking forward to welcoming everyone back to the rock in 2018.