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## **Membership Committee October 2007**

### 1. Membership

The following members have agreed to continue on the committee:

- Amanda Lints-Martindale, University of Regina, Student member
- Kelly Smith, Queens University, Student member
- Christine Chambers, Dalhousie University
- Bill Whelton, University of Alberta
- Peter Bieling, St. Joseph's, Hamilton

In addition, two new members have joined the committee:

- Martin Provencher, Université Laval
- S. Hélène-Deacon, Dalhousie University

### 2. Meetings

The committee has communicated via e-mail and held one teleconference on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Catherine Lee has met with Karen Cohen and with Nigel Flear to discuss membership issues.

Highlights of membership initiatives:

- Campus representatives. 49 schools now have campus student representatives. 19 have faculty representatives, known as 'Friends of CPA'.
- Website. Reviewed the materials on sites from other national organizations. Meetings with Nigel Flear to review modifications to the membership section. Nigel's work has identified inconsistencies with the by-laws. Proposals for by-law amendments will be submitted to the Board.
- Conference workshop on graduate school applications. Plans are underway to prepare a workshop designed to attract undergraduates.
- Testimonials. We discussed the possibility of profiling members and student affiliates who would make a brief statement about why they are part of CPA. It was agreed that this might be useful as part of a re-design of this section of the website.
- Student recruitment poster. The student section has worked with the membership committee on a bilingual recruitment poster.

Benefits:

- Gift certificates. Now developed and will be advertised.
- CAA. Reviewing details of this with Dan Berman.
- Advice on ethics. Consensus this should not be restricted to members.
- Advice on internship applications. Ongoing discussion of whether this should be available to members only.
- Certificates of academic excellence. Examined whether awards should be restricted to student affiliates. On the advice of Karen Cohen, John Service, and Keith Dobson, it seems that this initiative has the potential to create difficulties that would outweigh the potential benefits.

Catherine Lee

Chair, Membership Committee