



A newsletter for YBC Members on current initiatives and upcoming events

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Greetings fellow YBC Members! My name is Tim Kauk and I'm the YBC President for 2009. I hope 2009 has gotten off to a good start for all of you.

I wanted to send you an update on some of the goings-on within the YBC. First, I would like to extend warm congratulations to the first ever **Young Broker of the Year, Monica Dale, of Dawson & Keenan Insurance & Financial Services from Sault Ste. Marie**. Monica was chosen as the Young Broker of the Year at the IBAO Awards of Excellence held at the 2008 IBAO Convention last October. Congratulations Monica! Your wide range of industry and community involvement serves as an example to us all.

Second, I would like to thank all those registered for our upcoming 5th Annual YBC Conference in Niagara Falls from June 3rd to 5th. This year promises to be even better than last year. We have 3 insurer CEO's (Aviva Pilot, AXA and The Dominion) speaking to the group, 8 hours of relevant education courses and our mini-tradeshow all with the spectacular backdrop of Niagara Falls! The education and networking that takes place at our Conference is invaluable to your success.

Third, I would be remiss if I did not mention some of the changes that have happened at the Board level within the YBC. At the end of 2008, we said goodbye to Roberta Giffin, our superb IBAO Board Liaison for 2007 & 2008. Thank you Roberta for all your hard work, on our behalf and we wish you all the best. Our new IBAO Board Liaison is Stephen Darling. I want to welcome Stephen, and I look forward to working with him over the next few years.

Tonja Tomkins was our Territory 4 Team Leader and our Chairperson. We wish her well as she too has moved on to the next steps in her career and home life. We will miss her dedication and enthusiasm for the YBC.

Our new Chairperson is Traci Boland. In addition, congratulations to Jason Famme, who has come onto the Executive as YBC Vice-President for this year. I look forward to a rewarding year working with him and the rest of the Board.

I would like to thank all the Team Leaders who are continuing in their roles from last year and would like to welcome our new Team Leaders to the Board - Caroline Rose (Territory 7), Janet Palmer (Territory 6), Nick Homiak (Territory 10) and William Matheson (Territory 13).

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