

AM Workshops

9:15 - Noon (Choose one)

Managing Personal Finances

Facilitated by David Johnston

In this workshop you will learn all there is to know about personal finances. If you are a board member or a member of a housing co-operative, the information you will gain from this workshop will help you make wise decisions regarding managing money. Money Mentors is a community resource with a mandate to assist interested Alberta individuals and families in personal money management matters and credit counselling offering unbiased advice. Money Mentors (MM) is a not-for-profit, Alberta based and owned entity. They counsel, at no cost, individuals and families in credit management and a host of other personal financial management areas. Money Mentors has been helping Albertans for almost 20 years.

Blueprint for Success

Facilitated by Seth Leon

“What does it mean to be co-op?” “How do we identify ourselves?” “How does the world know who we are?” The International Co-operative Alliance developed “Blueprint for a Co-operative Decade” after the “International Year of Co-operatives in 2012”. Since that time, it has become better known as ‘Blueprint for Success’. This strategy grew from a claim that co-operatives are a better way of doing business and that they bring a more effective balance to the global economy. ACCA’s Seth Leon will discuss the importance of our co-op identity and what we need to know for our future success.

Vacancy Loss: The Annual Co-op Giveaway!

Facilitated by Joanne Mick and Meghan Friesen

With the downturn in the Alberta economy, some of the housing co-operatives may be experiencing vacancies. This will affect your co-op’s financial sustainability and therefore it is important to learn how to fill these units. The Agency for Co-operative Housing will share their strategies on how to reduce vacancy losses. Come and learn what other co-ops across the country are doing to prevent vacancies that are taking away money you could be using to re-invest in your co-op homes.

PM Workshops

1:00 - 4:00 (Choose one)

Understanding Our Diverse Communities

Facilitated by Carol Daw

In this workshop you will obtain knowledge, insight and skills to help you work more effectively with your members as well as with the world around you. The workshop will focus on how to facilitate understanding of diversity and unique situations that housing co-ops face and how to deal with them. The strategies and tools that will be discussed will help reduce stress and improve happiness and productivity within your community and beyond.

Building a Strong Governance and Management Team: CHF Canada Workshop Leader

Facilitator To Be Announced

We talk about the difference between governance and management, but that doesn’t always stop us from getting our roles confused. Do you know directors who can’t resist doing the manager’s job? Or managers who think they’re directors? Are we always getting in each other’s way, or can we figure out how to work together and support each other to get the results our co-ops deserve? We’ll talk about how to divide up the governance and management work and how your co-op can build a stronger team to achieve good governance and sound management.

Everything You Need To Know About Your Co-op’s Finances

Facilitated by Della Brown, Anda Frusescu and Etienne Rousselle

This workshop will provide you with knowledge in three key areas of doing business as housing co-operatives. First you will learn the importance of monitoring your monthly financial health. The next portion of this workshop will then focus on what happens as your co-op’s year end approaches and how important key information is for your yearly audit. Thirdly, First Calgary Financial will discuss programs that are offered to our membership such as SACHIP, Refinancing and Personal Member banking portfolios.

Workshop Facilitators

Della Brown has been working for SACHA as a Financial Advisor and bookkeeper for the past 7 years. Della has worked in finances and business management for over 30 years. She provides bookkeeping and financial knowledge for numerous housing cooperatives as well as other industries. Della was an active member in a large housing coop for 14 years.

Carol A Daw, MSW has been working in the Calgary social service and human rights fields for over 35 years and is a mediator for employment disputes. She has a private practice in Calgary and has worked with housing co-operatives for several years. Carol has delivered presentations and workshops that cover a wide spectrum of human behavioural issues. Carol has worked extensively with individuals who suffer from trauma, depression, self-esteem, and other mental health-related issues.

Meghan Friesen was introduced to the Co-operative sector in 2011. She began her co-op career in Vancouver with the Agency for Co-operative Housing. Meghan has relocated to Calgary and now works as a Relationship Manager with co-ops in Alberta.

Anda Frusescu has worked extensively with SACHA’s members. She holds a degree in Accounting and Finance and has her CGA designation. She has over 31 years’ experience in accounting. In the last 20 years, Anda has worked in Canada and gained extensive experience in the area of accounting, audit and taxation. Anda currently works for her own Professional Corporation since 2010, and is a specialist in auditing and accounting.

David Johnston has over 30 years’ experience in the Financial Services industry and has worked extensively in the Credit Union Sector. David is a Certified Financial Planner and facilitates workshops and seminars on personal money management.

Seth Leon joined ACCA (Alberta Community and Co-operative Association) in 2012 and has worked all over Alberta helping community volunteers champion their co-operative projects. With his expertise and guidance, millions of dollars in local investment has been generated to meet community needs, foster entrepreneurship and build sustainable communities.

Joanne Mick is the Operations Manager for the Agency for Co-operative Housing in Calgary and Vancouver. She’s lived in a Calgary housing co-operative for many years and has been both locally and nationally involved in the co-op housing sector.

Etienne Rousselle MSc MBA Account Manager, Commercial Real Estate, First Calgary has worked within the Credit Union Sector for many years. He specializes in commercial loans and is currently managing loan portfolios for SACHA’s refinancing program at First Calgary.

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
- Nelson Mandela



THE SEVEN CO-OP PRINCIPLES

An educated housing co-operative membership is a strong and successful group of people that conduct the business of their co-op well, now and in the future.

1. Voluntary and Open Membership
2. Democratic Member Control
3. Member Economic Participation
4. Autonomy and Independence
5. EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION
6. Co-operation Among Co-operatives
7. Concern for Community

SACHA Fall Education Event Registration Form

NAME: _____
 PHONE: _____
 EMAIL: _____
 CO-OP: _____

Please put a check mark in the box beside the workshop(s) of choice:

AM WORKSHOPS - 9:15 TO 12:00 (Choose one)

Managing Personal Finances Yes: No:
 Blueprint For Success Yes: No:
 Vacancy Loss: The Annual Co-op Giveaway! Yes: No:

LUNCH - 12:00 TO 1:00

Special Dietary Needs & Allergies (Including gluten-free and vegetarian):

PM WORKSHOPS - 1:00 TO 4:00 (Choose one)

Understanding Our Diverse Communities Yes: No:
 Building a Strong Governance and Management Team Yes: No:
 Everything You Need to Know About your Co-op's Finances Yes: No:

EVENT FEES

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| Full Day Rate for SACHA Members per person | \$140.00 | \$ _____ |
| Members age 30 and under attend at half price (per person) | \$70.00 | \$ _____ |
| Full Day Rate for non-SACHA members per person | \$185.00 | \$ _____ |

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| | SUBTOTAL | = _____ |
| ADD | 5% GST | = _____ |
| | | \$ _____ |
| | TOTAL | \$ _____ |

Please submit payment with registration via fax or email.

Fall Education Event

Saturday, November 19th 2016

REGISTRATION

Members age 30 and under attend at half price. SACHA is offering a \$100 travel bursary for co-ops more than 100 kms from Calgary.

HOW TO REGISTER

Contact your co-op's office or Board to review their policy on funding and the registration process. Most co-ops have an education budget that allows the co-op to pay for member training and education. Your co-op will submit the registrations to SACHA. Individual members can pay for their own registration, if their co-op does not have funds available, and send it in themselves.

WORKSHOP FEES

SACHA Member \$140
 Non-Member: \$185
 Member 30 and Under: \$70

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

Workshop fees are not refundable unless the workshop is cancelled by SACHA due to insufficient registrations. If a person cannot attend, their co-op should find someone else to attend in their place. If you have any questions about this event please contact Brenda or Colleen at (403) 233-0969 or via e-mail: brenda.sacha@shaw.ca or colleen.sacha@shaw.ca.

REFRESHMENTS

8:30 AM: Coffee and a light breakfast
12:00 to 1:00 PM: Lunch

NEW LOCATION!

Blackfoot Hotel
Blackfoot Ballroom
 5940 Blackfoot Trail SE
 Calgary, AB

SACHA
www.sacha-coop.com

