

## **Junior Achievement of British Columbia Board of Directors**



### **Robert J. Duncan, Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners LLP**

I became involved with JA in the '90s as there was a need to bring it to our community, especially given the type of opportunities that no longer exist in a resource-based community. We presented the long company program for several years, but found that we didn't have the support or people to carry it on. Given that experience and my desire to try it again, we partnered with the Chamber of Commerce to cosponsor the program and established a permanent link in the community. With the help of Charlayne Jones at JA in Nanaimo, we have attracted over 30 volunteers to present a Business Basics class for over 250 Grade 9 students. We have also worked with some Grade 5 classes. We are already booked for next year at ADSS. I was involved in JA Regional Board in Victoria, as I felt that the relationships we were establishing upisland would help bring JA to the smaller communities and again provide a permanent link and a way to raise funds for JA. I feel that I have an interest and history with Junior Achievement and can bring my experience and knowledge to the board. As well, I am willing to learn and to be flexible and feel that I would be a positive contribution to your board.

Acquired a small CGA practice in Port Alberni in 1978. In 1982 joined with other CGA practices in Evancic Perrault Robertson (EPR), a western Canada based affiliation of CGA offices. I was a member of the EPR executive committee from 1982 - 88, during which we expanded our reach into every province from BC to Newfoundland. Helped develop EPR goals and strategic vision. EPR became the 15<sup>th</sup> largest accounting firm in Canada. Our Port Alberni practice expanded also. We now have 2 partners, 4 associate CGAs and CAs, and 20 staff; as well as offices in Qualicum Beach. In the late 1990s chaired an EPR group called the Forward Motion Committee to establish where we felt EPR should be going and I travelled extensively across Canada to meet with other member firms. Some members felt we should have a more formal arrangement and in 2004 we formed Duncan Sabine Collyer Partners LLP, which has offices in Alberta, Manitoba and BC.

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### **Kenton Low, Vice President, Marketing Ritchie Bros.**

Kenton is currently the head of marketing at Ritchie Bros., the world largest auctioneer of industrial equipment and a sessional instructor at the Sauder School of Business.

Prior to joining Ritchie Bros., Kenton held a number of leadership roles in digital media, entertainment and consumer products. He has served as Executive Vice President at Bardel Entertainment, President of New Media BC, President & CEO of Robeez Footwear and as a senior advisor to the CEO of BCLC.

Before moving to Vancouver, Kenton was the President of Universal Studios Online, Executive Vice President for Vivendi Universal's portfolio of new media companies and Vice President at Disney's Internet Group, Disney Interactive and Walt Disney Imagineering. Kenton's career also includes corporate planning and marketing roles at Nestlé and Clorox and addressing conferences in Europe, Canada and the U.S. on topics ranging from revitalizing businesses to building memorable branded experiences.

Away from the business community, Kenton serves on the Board of Directors for the H.R. MacMillan Space Centre. His volunteer work also includes 4 years as a Destination Imagination coach, 6 years on the Board of Directors for the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank and 8 years as a guest speaker in the Riordan programs, helping under-served students to further their education at leading universities throughout the USA.

Kenton earned his undergraduate degree from the University of British Columbia and an MBA from the Anderson School at UCLA.

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### **Coralee Oakes, Executive Director Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce**

Coralee Oakes has been Executive Director of the Quesnel & District Chamber of Commerce since 1999 and is a two term City Councilor. She is a strong advocate for business and has worked to assist both businesses and the local community to diversify. She is currently focusing attention on assisting businesses become more age-friendly as well as, supporting large number of retiring businesses with succession planning. Working with young entrepreneurs is critical to the future success of our small business sector and to the economy of British Columbia.

In 2006 Coralee was appointed by the Province to the Small Business Roundtable. The Small Business Roundtable provides British Columbia's small businesses with a voice to government through: 1. Engaging in a dialogue with small business to identify key issues and opportunities. 2. Developing recommendations to government and small business owners on strategies to enhance BC's small business climate. and 3. Advocating small business interests in the province. In 2009, Coralee was appointed to the Minister's Council Tourism, led by B.C's Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Innovation. The Minister's Council on Tourism role is to inform the minister on a wide variety of tourism matters including: product development, competitiveness, infrastructure, labour force, visitor services, and marketing and research. The council's advice helps guide development of marketing plans and other strategies.

She is the past president of the British Columbia Chamber Executives and has served as a Director on the BC Chamber of Commerce, Canadian Chamber of Commerce Executives, Cariboo Chilcotin Tourism Association and numerous local not for profit organizations. In 2009 Coralee was the recipient of the BC Chamber of Commerce Executive of the Year and she is the proud recipient of the Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism Association award of contribution, Suburban Chamber of Excellence and was selected to be a Canadian Youth representative for the Pacific Rim in China.