

AFOA SK 24th Annual Conference & Tradeshow
Embracing Innovation
Saskatoon Inn (Ballroom B & C), November 13th & 14th 2024

November 13th (Day 1)

7:30 - 8:45 Registration & Hot Breakfast

8:45 **Opening Prayer, Elder, Welcome by Donna Morin, President, AFOA Saskatchewan**



9:00 - 10:15 **AFOA Canada Update Terry Goodtrack, AFOA Canada President and Chief Executive Officer, MPA, B.Admin, CPA, CGA, CAFM, CAPA, C.Dir.**

10:15 - 10:30 Health Break

10:30 - 12:00 Bridging Gaps with AI: Enhancing Communication for Community Growth

Understand how AI can be utilized to improve communication, drive engagement, and foster meaningful connections within communities. In this session, you will learn how Artificial Intelligence can make communication with communities easier and more effective. You'll learn about tools like A.I assistants, which can answer questions in real-time, and sentiment analysis, which helps us understand how people feel about different topics. Mouneeb will also discuss how AI can personalize messages for different people, predict what our communities need, and make conversations more engaging. **Speaker - Mouneeb Shahid 2 Web Design Inc. and Optimize Ventures Inc.**



12:00 – 1:00 Lunch **Hypnotist**

His stage name, “Kiit Hypnotist - Mind Master”, describes the sentiment of every performance literally a positive attitude and constant state of mind. Kiit delivers a powerful message of limitless possibilities. One of the most successful stage shows performing in First Nations communities Kiit Hypnotist – Mind Master rarely has to contend with skeptics anymore. But for those who do question his hypnotism powers, KIIT states: Come see the show and you will believe. **Luncheon Sponsored by First Nations Bank of Canada**

1:00 – 2:30 New Ideas New Concepts BDO will share some of the key aspects of an educational agriculture program. BDO will further outline a process to achieving food security through a variety of protein and produce opportunities. Finally, BDO will explore the opportunity of a food security assessment to kickstart an agriculture program. **Speaker - Kevin Van Lagen: BDO**

Mitigating cybersecurity risks and protecting your assets. BDO will look at some common security threats that have been impacting our clients and the steps that should be taken to mitigate these risks. BDO will also walk through a cybersecurity service offering that we've been leveraging to help clients improve their security posture. **Speaker - Steve Brown: BDO Sponsored by BDO**

2:30 – 2:45 Break

2:45 - 4:00 Leveraging Technology for Innovation & Efficiency This session will cover how First Nations can leverage technology to increase efficiency and provide enhanced communication. We will cover how utilizing accounting systems and other software can improve reporting to members, funders, and Chief and Council, leading to better decision-making. Additionally, we will cover how technology can be utilized to better share information between departments enhancing communication through technology. **Speakers: Curtis Adair, Partner, MNP Digital, Steve Mclean, Senior Manager, MNP Digital, Cory Faber, Senior Manager, MNP Digital - Sponsored by MNP**

4:00 Day One Closing remarks

4:00 - 5:00 Annual General Meeting (members only - Ballroom B)

November 14th (Day 2)

8:00 - 9:00 Hot Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 Professional Development and Innovation

Indigenous Governments and Organizations are beginning their journey toward sustainability, prosperity and growth. Good governance, and the practice of good governance, is one of several keys strategic priorities that can lead to success along this journey. We will begin our discussion on professional development and what that means. We will then dive into different types of tips and tricks on how to use software and other IT tools, to safeguard your information, bring efficiencies to your year-end close process, and how to effectively and confidently share information with third parties, such as auditors, without using email or other traditional means- thereby ensuring your Nation is able to provide governance over its data and information. **Speaker - Glenn Fleetwood, CPA, CGA Director Consulting Services Sponsored by McClelland & Debusschere CPAs Inc**

10:30 - 10:45 Health Break

10:45 - 12:00 AI – How it is changing the Face of Business Keethanow Group of Businesses / Lac La Ronge Indian Band

Keethanow is Northern Saskatchewan's Indigenous Retail Provider , Keethanow Group of Business (KGB) was founded in 2003, under the business guardianship of Lac La Ronge Indian Band. Dennis Caplette is the General Manager & has been with the organization since 2020. Dennis has 30+ years of experience in Retail World. KGB & Future Keethanow Group of Businesses (KGB) has a dedicated Merger & Acquisition team which consistently look for business opportunities in the region, *Time never stands still neither does KGB*. The world KGB is planning to enter new endeavors and is going to be far more diverse than ever before-what matters is not the quantity of product line but the quality, pricing, and accessibility. The statement that we are looking for partners and friends has never been more important in our quest to grow. What will the new KGB future business models look like?

Technology & AI Revolution in La Ronge. In fact, this will be the most profound shift KGB is undertaking in its business history, having said that its consequences will prove more significant and healthier financial matrix on one hand and on the other supercharged growth fiscal periods-coupled with outperforming competitors. In simplest business phraseology, the idea is to make everything and anything the client's needs available and accessible at the touch of the screen. **Speakers: Dennis Caplette, General Manager & Marvin Ballantyne, Finance & Administration Coordinator, Keethanow Group of Businesses Lac La Ronge Indian Band**

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 2:30 Utilizing Technology for Risk Management and Mitigation

Did you know your Total cost of Risk includes more than just the placement of an insurance policy. It includes mitigation of losses, both in frequency and severity, as well as time lost for staff dealing with claims when they occur. The cost of deductibles and future premium increases due to losses are an important item to include as well. Technology can be used to help reduce these costs and time incurred, as well as provide for a safer environment. Aon will discuss a technology platform BisTrainer® which is available and beneficial for tracking asset management for property and liability risk mitigation as well as numerous workplace safety applications focused around OH&S best practices to minimize injury and time loss due to injuries and losses which could have been mitigated. BisTrainer® is tool that can be customized to meet the needs of each user as they see fit. We will provide a live demo as it's a versatile platform providing various functions to meet the advancing needs of Indigenous Nations and Organizations.

It allows for recommendations to address gaps and improve your risks. It will also allow you to look at loss estimates for the Maximum Foreseeable Loss (MFL) scenario due to property hazards.

We can also include loss estimates for Probably Maximum Loss (PML) and Normal Loss Expectancy (NLE) scenarios upon requests. **Speakers - Brett Christie, CRSP, CRM , National Casualty Risk Consulting Leader, Stefan Lebrasseur CAIB, CIP Vice President, Commercial Account Executive Sponsored by Aon Risk Solutions**

2:30 Closing Remarks & Door Prize Draws