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The Certified General Accountants Association of Canada (CGA-Canada) has joined the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada ([CPA Canada](#)), completing the integration of the country's national accounting bodies. CPA Canada was established last year by the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants (CICA) and The Society of Management Accountants of Canada (CMA Canada). In all, the professional association has a membership of more than 190,000.

“With integration, we are one of the largest national accounting bodies in the world,” says Kevin Dancey, FCPA, FCA, president and CEO, CPA Canada. “A common vision with a strengthened voice gives Canada’s accounting profession greater influence both at home and abroad.”

In addition to greater influence, comes clarity. It is now easier for stakeholders to understand who represents the profession nationally and internationally.

“CPA Canada clearly will be viewed as a strong voice for advancing sound public

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Keller, CPA, FCGA, chair of CGA-Canada. “There is still work to be completed at the provincial level and it is important that all stakeholders recognize the Canadian CPA as Canada’s pre-eminent business and accounting designation.”

CPA Canada has almost 400 employees operating out of four locations: Toronto, Ontario, Ottawa, Ontario, Montreal, Quebec and Burnaby, British Columbia.

The organization has a 20-member Board of Directors. Its membership reflects a cross section of perspectives based on regional representation, the legacy designations and public input.

New Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Immediately following CPA Canada’s Annual General Meeting on September 24, 2014, Bob Strachan, CPA, FCMA, was appointed chair of the Board of Directors and Alain Côté, FCPA, FCA, assumed the position of vice-chair.

Strachan, who resides in Victoria, British Columbia, has been a member of the Board since its inception in January 2013 and had been serving as vice-chair since September 26, 2013. He can draw upon the experience of a 40-year career that included senior roles in financial and risk management, treasury, asset management and taxation. He also has provided governance advisory services for the government and education sectors.

Strachan has full appreciation of the opportunities and challenges associated with unification. He was co-chair of the National Steering Committee overseeing the formation of CPA Canada and chaired the Board of Directors of CMA Canada.

Côté, who is based in Montreal, Quebec, brings 35 years of experience to the role of vice-chair of CPA Canada. He has provided audit and advisory services to companies of all sizes, particularly financial institutions. Côté also was a member of the Board

of Directors of the Ordre des comptables agréés du Québec, including serving as its

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