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| **Speaker** | **Bio** |
| **EMCEE: Hennadiy Kutsenko**  Tax Lawyer, Norton Rose Fulbright  **(6:00 to 6:03 pm) (2-3 mins)** | Land Acknowledgement  **Moment** of Silence for the **Toronto Strong Heroes** |
| **Ann Semotiuk**, President  Ukrainian Canadian Social Services  **(6:03 to 6:05 pm) (2-3 mins)** | **Knowledge Hub Partner:** |
| **Joanne Gort:** Legal Counsel, Government of Ontario  **(6:05 to 6:15 pm) (10 mins)** | * **Implementation and Transition: into the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act**   Since 2011, Joanne Gort is counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Civil Law Division, Government and Consumer Services Branch.  Joanne advises primarily in the areas of corporate and commercial law, and she also advises the Registrar on matters relating to a regulatory statute.  Joanne received a B.A.Sc. (Hons.) in mechanical engineering from the University of Toronto, and a LL.B. from Osgoode Hall Law School.  Joanne was called to the bar in 2008, and worked in private practice prior to joining the provincial government in 2009. |
| **Bonni Harden:** Legal Counsel, Government of Ontario  **(6:15 to 6:25 pm) (10 mins)** | * **Implementation and Transition: into the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act**   Bonni Harden is senior counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Civil Law Division, Government and Consumer Services Branch.  She advises on legislative drafting, corporate litigation and administrative law issues arising under Ontario’s business law statutes, and sits as a tribunal to conduct corporate law hearings.  Bonni articled at Blake, Cassels & Graydon LLP, and began her OPS career as a senior policy advisor.  She brings to her role a perspective gained from her previous career as a B.C. newspaper editor and journalist. Bonni was called to the bar in 1995 after obtaining her law degree from the University of Toronto, and her BA and MA from Simon Fraser University in B.C. |
| **Jennifer Lee:** Legal Counsel, Government of Ontario  **(6:25 to 6:35 pm) (10 mins)** | * **Implementation and Transition: into the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act**   Jennifer Lee is counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Civil Law Division, Government and Consumer Services Branch where she provides strategic legal advice primarily in relation to the ministry’s business law statutes. Jennifer’s practice also includes contract and procurement law.   Jennifer was called to the bar in 2002 and received  an Honours B.A. and LL.B from Queen’s University. Prior to joining the provincial government in 2009 she worked in private practice in the area of general corporate law, representing commercial landlords, purchasers and vendors in a variety of transactional work. |
| **Caitlin Wadden:** Legal Counsel, Government of Ontario  **(6:35 to 6:45 pm) (10 mins)** | * **Implementation and Transition: into the Ontario Not For Profit Corporations Act**   Caitlin Wadden is counsel with the Ministry of the Attorney General, Civil Law Division, Government and Consumer Services Branch. She advises on business law matters, including policy, operational and litigation issues arising under the business law statutes, and sits as a tribunal to conduct corporate law hearings. Caitlin articled with the Ministry and was called to the bar in 2012. She received her JD from the University of Western Ontario and her Honours Bachelor of Science from the University of Guelph. |
| **BCU Financial Group**  **(6:45 pm) (30 seconds)** | **Knowledge Hub Platinum Sponsor** |
| **Arlene Proctor:** Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency  **(6:45 to 7:05 pm) (20 mins)** | * **The New Charities Education Program**   Arlene Proctor is currently the Manager, of the Compliance, Education, and Outreach Section of the Charities Directorate, of Canada Revenue Agency. In 2013, Arlene relocated to Ottawa and joined the Compliance Division of the Charities Directorate as an Audit Advisor, and later assumed the role of Senior Audit Advisor. Prior to this, Arlene worked in a variety of compliance positions with the CRA at the Charlottetown Tax Services Office. Arlene holds a Bachelor’s degree from the University of Prince Edward Island and a Chartered Professional Accountant designation (CPA, CGA). |
| **Shanee Cesard:** Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency  **(7:05 to 7:25 pm) (20 mins)** | * **The New Charities Education Program**   Shanee Césard is currently a Technical Policy Advisor, with the Compliance, Education, and Outreach Section of the Charities Directorate, Canada Revenue Agency (CRA). Shanee holds a Bachelor’s Degree from the University of Ottawa. Shanee began her career with the CRA in 2011 working in the Debt Management Call Center. In 2012, Shanee moved to the Client Service Division, of the Charities Directorate. Since 2016, Shanee has held progressively more responsible positions with the Compliance Division of the Charities Directorate. |
| **Alex Ilchenko**, President, Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association  **(7:25 pm) (1 min max)** | **Knowledge Hub Partner:**  **The Ukrainian Canadian Bar Association is proud to be a partner and bring you the 2018 Knowledge Hub for Churches, Charities and Not- For Profits. UCBA is the organization that promotes the interests of lawyers, notaries, paralegals and avocats of Ukrainian Canadian origin.** |
| **Taras Kulish,** Business andCharities Lawyer  Steinberg Title Hope & Israel LLP  **Knowledge Hub Organizer &**  **Silver Sponsors**  **(7:25 to 7:40 pm) (15 mins)** | * **Registering and Keeping a Charity Registration**   Taras Kulish is member of the Ontario, New York and Quebec Bars. For 25 years, Taras has serviced the needs of small and medium sized businesses and local, national, and international charities. In March 2015, Taras launched the Helping Hand for Ukraine program with HOPE worldwide Canada to bring psychological healing to children affected by trauma from the War in Eastern Ukraine. In June 2017, Taras lectured at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv on Charity Law and International Terrorism. |
| **(7:40 to 8:00 pm) (20 mins)** | **15 minute Networking Break** |
| **Yuriy Diakunchak**, Vice President Marketing, Ukrainian Credit Union  **(8:00 pm to 8:03) (3 mins max)** | **Knowledge Hub Platinum Sponsor:** |
| **Ninette Bishay**, CPA CA, Hogg, Shain and Scheck PC  **Gold Sponsor:** Hogg, Shain and Scheck PC  **(8:05 to 8:25 pm) (20 mins)** | * **Common Financial Management and Reporting Issues**   Ninette Bishay is a Charities & Not-for-Profit expert who has been providing assurance, tax and advisory services exclusively to this sector for most of her professional career.  Before joining Hogg, Shain & Scheck as a Partner, Ninette was a senior leader of the Charities & Not-for-Profit teams of Grant Thornton, and before that, PKF Hill LLP, another boutique Toronto firm.    A frequent speaker and author on sector issues, Ninette is passionate about supporting organizations that make a difference in our society and world. Ninette regularly advises local, national, and international organizations on best practices with respect to financial reporting and accountability to stakeholders, internal control efficiencies, governance, reserves policies, and CRA compliance matters such as donation receipting, fundraising ratios, activities outside of Canada, and inactive capital.  Delighting in giving back to her community, Ninette currently serves as the National Treasurer of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, the Treasurer of Gather Women, and a Director on the Board and Finance Committee of St. George Montessori Prep School. |
| **Orest Haluzsko**, VP Media  Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association  **(8:25 pm) (1 min max)** | **Knowledge Hub Partner:**  **The Ukrainian Canadian Professional Business Association believes in the power of community, of networking and working together. UCPBA is the organization you want to belong to and network with other like minded entrepreneurial people. Thank you for coming out to the 2018 Knowledge Hub** |
| **Uliana Tomiuk**, Vice President, Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital Ltd  **Gold Sponsor:** Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital Ltd  **(8:25 to 8:45 pm) (20 mins)** | * **Asset Management for Foundations and Endowments**   Uliana has nearly 15 years of experience in the financial industry. Prior to joining Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital, Uliana worked for a number of investment managers in retail sales, most recently with BlackRock in Toronto. Uliana is a graduate of the University of Ottawa with a B.Comm., and also hold an MBA from the University of Western Ontario. Uliana was a member of the Desna Ukrainian Dance Company of Toronto for 10 years—a passion that led her to serve on its board for several years. Uliana is currently a board member of the Ukrainian Canadian Professional and Business Association of Toronto |
| **Alex Taraiev**, CPCA, Consultant, Investors Group Financial Services Inc:  **Bronze Sponsors:**  **(8:45 to 8:55 pm) (10 mins)** | * **Principles for** **Growing Capital from $20,000 to $1,000,000**   Alex (Oleksandr) Taraiev is a young entrepreneur with a passion for helping individuals achieve their financial goals. Alex joined Investors Group in 2014 and has been in the Financial Services Industry since 2009. Alex is a strong believer in authenticity and transparency when it comes to servicing his clients and prides himself in governing his fast-growing practice to the highest professional standards. Alex understands the complexity of financial planning and has the knowledge and the drive to pave the way for each client’s financial success and independence. |
| **William Petruck**, President and CEO, Funding Matters Inc.  **Bronze Sponsor:**  **(8:55 to 9:10 pm) (15 mins)** | * **Communication with Donors and the Community**   William Petruck presides over FUNDING matters Inc., an organization that develops philanthropic and financial planning solutions to improve fundraising effectiveness for charitable organizations. William is considered an authority in the field of fundraising and philanthropy and lectures throughout North America on fundraising trends and innovations. He also holds workshops on fundraising tools and trends for wealth management advisors and non-profit organizations. In 1997, William founded FUNDING matters Inc. in order to instill new ways of building organizational capacity and transform philanthropy. With William’s oversight, FUNDING matters Inc. has successfully delivered over 1200 assignments for more than 200 clients in North America and Europe. |
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