

Canadian Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (CACOLE)

*1999 Conference Agenda - Delta Brunswick
Saint John, New Brunswick*

Tuesday, September 21, 1999

4:00 to 5:30 p.m. CACOLE Conference Committee Meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Registration and Reception

Take advantage of this opportunity to meet informally with other delegates in the McAvity Room. Your delegate packages will be available with finalized agendas, information on the City of Saint John, etc. Additional tickets will be on sale at this time for spouses/friends to attend the dinner at Grannans Seafood Restaurant.

Wednesday, September 22, 1999

8:15 to 8:45 a.m. Additional Registration

If you're late arriving and could not make last evening's reception you can still register at this time.

9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

The opening of the conference will be by an official of the New Brunswick Government

9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Cross Country Checkup

Moderator Jean Beeler, President of CACOLE and
Chair of the Nova Scotia Police Commission

The Cross Country Checkup has been altered this year to highlight some of the major changes which have occurred within some of our provinces. Don Morrison, Police Complaint Commissioner for British Columbia; Paul Monty, the Commissaire à la déontologie policière in Quebec, Hyacinthe Josiah, Senior Advisor of the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services and George Wright, Commissioner of the Law Enforcement Review Agency for Manitoba will be offering us an appreciation of some of the major changes and challenges that they have experienced within their provinces.

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Refreshments/Break

**10:45 to 12:30 p.m. Accountability - Oversight Agencies,
Police Forces and Police Officers**

Moderator Célyne Riopel, Vice-Chair of CACOLE and
Registrar of the RCMP Public Complaints Commission

This session will address the necessity of an accountability process for oversight governing authorities, law enforcement agencies and police officers. The panellists of this session will be Me Louise Viau, professor of law, University of Montreal and member of the Poitras Commission. Me Jacques Bellemare, lawyer and expert in the field of police practices.

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12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Lunch & Guest Speaker
Moderator Jean Beeler, President of CACOLE and
Chair of the Nova Scotia Police Commission

We are very pleased to have Justice Kaufman speak to us on his experiences within the criminal justice system and his role in the Commission of Inquiry into the wrongful conviction of Guy Paul Morin.

2:00 to 3:30 p.m. Inquest and Inquiries - Lessons Learned
Moderator Don Morrison,
Police Complaint Commissioner for British Columbia

Although most of us consider Canada a land of equity and fairness, injustices have occurred. After many years of incarceration, individuals such as Donald Marshall, Guy Paul Morin and David Milgaard were found to be innocent after having been wrongly convicted. This session will focus on the recommendations for changes in practices and policies that arose. Mr. Bill Van Allen, Project Director of the Campbell Report Implementation Project. His co-panellist is Debbie Mahaffy will reflect on these changes and the impact of the report.

3:30 to 3:45 p.m. Refreshments/Break

3:45 to 5:00 p.m. Alternative Justice (First Nations)
Moderator To be assigned

An evaluation and intricacies of a growing trend to apply alternative justice systems within our first nation communities. Justice Gradon Nicholas of the New Brunswick Provincial Court; Mr. Bill Wister, Crown Council for the first Sentencing Circle within New Brunswick, and Paula Marshall, Director of the Mi'kmaq Young Offender Program in Nova Scotia will review their experience with Healing Circles and the Alternative Justice System.

Thursday, September 23, 1999

9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Focussing Today - Planning for Tomorrow

If you don't know where you are going, any road will do . . . Civilian oversight agencies serve the public interest, nevertheless, they should operate as a business. This session will provide an overview of strategic planning principles: accountability, objectives, standards, performance measures, monitoring and evaluation. Colleen Knudson, member of the New Brunswick Police Commission and Hyacinthe Josiah, Senior Advisor with the Ontario Civilian Commission on Police Services will be discussing the importance of and steps required for implementing a strategic plan.

10:30 to 10:45 a.m. Refreshments/Break

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10:45 - 12:00 a.m. Perspectives on Investigations
Moderator The Honourable Stuart G. Stratton, Q.C.

Investigations, whether it be at the police level or oversight level, require certain skills and techniques. This session will centre on the expertise needed, and the direction a good investigation. Both police and oversight agencies will be interested in the perspective our precentors will offer. The speakers will be Kathy Wingate a prior member of the New Brunswick Police Commission, and Maime Murray an experienced police investigator from New Brunswick.

12:00 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch
Open Lunch; here is your chance to break away on your own and explore Market Square on your own.

1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Mediation Workshop
Moderator Garry Mumford, Director Nova Scotia Police Commission

Michael Keating is a professional practitioner and instructor within the area of mediation and alternative dispute resolution. He has been retained to conduct this valuable session on Mediation. Regardless of the level of involvement you are in within policing or oversight this workshop will provide valuable insight into the benefits and procedures used to improve the number of informal resolutions.

3:30 to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments/Break

4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Continuation of Mediation Workshop

6:15 to 9:00 p.m. Dinner at Grannans
Grannan's is located in Market Square and is renowned for it's seafood amid historic surroundings. The cost for this dinner will be paid by registration fee. Don't forget Additional tickets will be on sale for spouses/friends to attend the dinner.

Friday, September 24, 1999

9:00 to 12:00 a.m. Annual General Membership Meeting and Elections