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CEO Commentary

It is already mid-September; back to work for many of us, back to school, and our [IQ Conference](#) is only a few short weeks away. To date, we have well surpassed the number of tradeshow booths over 2017 and last year's record-shattering number of ACCA Awards of Excellence submissions! We also had a near record high number of Oral Abstracts submitted; in short, all indicators point to another engaging and robust event that should not be missed!



Themed "What's in a Number?", IQ 2018 is our opportunity to come together as we collectively work towards the best future possible for our province's seniors and those requiring Continuing Care! And with exciting speakers from as far away as New Zealand, we will surely all be on our feet joyously proclaiming our own "Numbers" by the end of the full two days of networking and learning! Early Bird Deadline is October 5! [Register by clicking here.](#)

ACCA's Greatest Strength: Our Members!

Tammy Leach, Chief Executive Officer

Public Policy

Government Relations and Engagement: Roundtable Sessions: The ACCA GR Team, together with Members of the Board and invited guests, were invited to a Roundtable Discussion with the Alberta Party on August 1 and again on September 7 with the United Conservative Party. Leaders of both parties, Stephen Mandel and Jason Kenney, attended and provided remarks. Guests were seated at tables with party candidates to talk about the industry, share concerns and recommendations. Stan Fisher, former President/CEO at St. Michael's Health Group, said of the Alberta Party event: "I know the candidate at my table was absolutely and positively engaged in the focus and I am sure Stephen Mandel will add the data presented in their platform."

October 18 Health Care Aide Day!

HCA's are integral to the health care system providing around-the-clock care for Albertans in need. On October 18, the Minister of Health will declare Health Care Aide Day and recognize the contributions HCA's make to the health system. Celebrate with us by recognizing the important role of HCA's. [Click here](#) for more information!

Retirement Notice: Congratulations David Ail, Intercare

ACCA, Staff, and Members extend our sincerest congratulations to Mr. David Ail as he prepares for retirement after 26 years with Intercare. Mr. Ail's inspiration has contributed to Intercare's many successes including recently having been awarded the first fully accredited Long Term Care Butterfly Model of Care Home in Alberta!

We also congratulate Mr. Bert Evertt, incoming



Said Jason Kenney at the UCP Session, "Very few areas of policy are more consequential than seniors' care. It's an area we must think through with great care."
(pictured: UCP Roundtable guests)

ACCA is working towards securing a Session date with the NDP. Progress with our GR Strategy will be shared with the Membership as we approach Election 2019.

Alberta Scan Publication: ACCA encourages Members to visit the Members' Only Resources Section of the ACCA Website to view the weekly Alberta Scan, a summary of Government Announcements, Appointments and Regulations. ACCA has purchased a subscription on Members' behalf and is pleased to offer these updates.

Member Value and Engagement

New Client Relationship Management System - Coming Soon! The ACCA is adopting a new CRM System, Member365. The new system will eliminate the need for paper renewals, allowing ACCA to abide by its **Going Green in 2018** pledge, and will ensure a more streamlined process for Members. Members will have a login ID and an online profile where important information currently being manually tracked over email will be updated.

The new system will be launched at our November 15 AGM. In the meantime, we will continue to request number of spaces/home care hours you provide your clients via email (as historically done). We appreciate our Membership's consideration and patience as we work through the launch of this new system.

IQ 2018: What's in a Number?: With **Early-Bird Savings until October 5** and the Sheraton Red Deer Hotel **Room Block** until September 22, don't delay in [registering to attend IQ!](#)



We are pleased to announce another exciting speaker, **Dr. Angela Brooks-Wilson**, who will be sharing preliminary results of her Healthy Aging study, looking into the role of lifestyle versus genes in healthy aging, as part of our closing Super Seniors panel. [Dr. Brooks-Wilson](#) is still recruiting seniors to participate in her study, the goal of which is to identify inherited genetic factors associated with healthy aging and resistance to

age-related diseases. We encourage interested Members who have residents and clients willing to participate in the study to

President and CEO, and Mr. Ian Woodcock on his expanded role as Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer.

Careers in Care!

Members are able to submit career opportunities via the new website. Interested candidates, there [are several current openings.](#)

Virtual Reality in Seniors' Care Pilot Project

The Brenda Stafford Foundation Ltd. has undertaken a recent pilot project using Virtual Reality in Seniors' Care (specifically their Dementia Care Program) at Wentworth Manor in Calgary. We are pleased to [share this media article](#) about the innovative project; what a wonderful thing!



Community Events

Be sure to visit the [ACCA Calendar](#) for exciting events and initiatives happening within our communities, including the upcoming [Seniors' Housing Forum](#) happening September 22 in Edmonton.

engage with Dr. Brooks-Wilson by emailing studycoordinator@bcgsc.ca.

[Click here for the Inspirational Program!](#)

Community Engagement

ACCA was approached by a member of the public to share a potential opportunity. A gentleman's wife is in the later stages of Early Onset Alzheimer's. As he was researching options for placement, he came across a 10 space home located in a beautiful community within Calgary. The building itself used to belong to the Sisters of Mary Immaculate Nuns. [Click here for a link](#) about the last nun that lived there.

It appears that the organization that was to open the home is no longer proceeding and the developer is looking to find a buyer or tenant. The gentleman has asked ACCA to pass this information on to the Membership; he would hate for it to be turned into something other than what it was intended to be and surely the nuns would be pleased that it would become a house of caring! [Here is a link to the listing.](#)

Members Helping Each Other

If you are a LTC facility operator looking for part time professional support services such as Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy or Social Work, ACCA may be able to connect you with others member facilities in your area so that together you can offer full time hours to a candidate. If you are seeking these services please reach out to ACCA.

Contact Us!

Share your comments and concerns with us at any time, whether online at www.ab-cca.ca or email heather.aggus@ab-cca.ca!

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