

Workshop Facilitators

Brenda Davies is the Executive Director of SACHA. She has been working in the co-operative housing sector for many years and has a strong background in community development and working with not-for-profit organizations. Brenda has worked extensively in the area of affordable housing, property management and personal finance. She is an advocate for affordable housing initiatives.

Carol A. Daw (BA, BSW, MSW, Clinical Social Worker) has been working in Calgary in the social service and human rights fields for over 35 year and is a mediator for employment disputes. She has a private practice in Calgary, and she has worked with housing co-operatives for several years. Carol has delivered presentation and workshops that cover a wide spectrum on human behavioural issues. Carol has worked extensively with individuals that suffer from trauma, depression, self-esteem, and other mental health related issues.

Mary Emro is a consultant with SACHA. She has extensive experience with co-ops and not-for-profit organizations dealing with policies and procedures. She also has governance experience through serving on various boards from co-ops to not-for-profits such as Emma Maternity House Society. Mary has been a co-op member for over 10 years.

Susan Farmer is a consultant with SACHA. She has a strong background in co-op policy and procedures. She has served on several not-for-profit boards, including the boards of All Nations Theatre and Families Matter. Susan has been a housing co-op member for more than 30 years.

Carrie-Ann French is Assistant to Housing at Kerby Centre.

Alison Grittner launched the revamped RAD Renovations program at Accessible Housing last year, where she works as RAD's Program Coordinator ensuring accessible design is available to Calgarians. Alison and RAD won the City of Calgary's advocacy and accessibility award in 2015. Alison completed her Master of Architecture at the University of Calgary and is passionate that architecture's core value is to facilitate social equity.

Cheri McDougall is Manager of Information Resources at Kerby Centre.

Nenad Ristovic is a Professional Computer Technician and Instructor with over 16 years of experience. He is also the owner of Nenad Comp Computer Services. Nenad has worked extensively with not-for-profit agencies such as Calgary Catholic Immigrant Aid Society and the Calgary YMCA. He has worked with SACHA and many of our housing co-ops since 2007.

Erin Viala is a lawyer with Bryan & Company Calgary LLP in the commercial litigation department. Erin focuses on commercial debt recovery, insolvency, employment, and general commercial litigation. Erin has worked with housing co-operatives in Southern Alberta on various litigation matters including employment and debt recovery and on various other matters including director's liability.

Patty Wozak is Assistant to Housing and OPG at Kerby Centre.

Location

Just minutes from downtown, Venu 1008 is a co-op hospitality catering service and banquet facility conveniently located in the community of Historic Inglewood. Parking is available across the street.

Filled with arts and culture, Inglewood is a district with more than 100 shops, boutiques and eateries attracting locals and tourists alike. It has been referred to as Calgary's hub of local music thanks to venues like the Ironwood Stage and Grill (formerly The Garry Theatre), The Blues Can, and the headquarters for the Calgary International Folk Festival.

Hotels Nearby

Delta Calgary Downtown (403) 266-1980
209 4th Avenue SE (1.9 km from Inglewood)

Calgary Marriott Hotel (403) 266-7331
110 9 Ave SE (2.0 km from Inglewood)

Hotel Arts (403) 266-4611
119 12th Avenue SW (2.1 km from Inglewood)

SACHA Business Meeting

Registration and Refreshments

8:30 am - 9:00 am

Plenary Session

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Lunch Buffet

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

CHF Canada

“Kick-starting Our Future”

Afternoon Workshops 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

1. The Do's And Don'ts Of Storing Electronic Data

Facilitated by Nenad Ristic

This session will provide you with sound and credible advice on how to store your electronic data correctly. Each year the amount of electronic data that co-ops are required to store grows exponentially. Co-ops must ensure that they can trust the processes they have in place to secure and preserve this information. Come and learn from an expert on how you can implement secure ways to store data and protect your housing co-ops future.

3. New Member Orientation: I'm In! Where Do I Go From Here?

Facilitated by Susan Farmer & Mary Emro

Do you remember the first time you knew that living in a co-op was different than living anywhere else? Looking back, are there things you wish someone had told you about the co-op lifestyle? This interactive workshop will explore how we can provide new members with better skills and tools to become involved co-op members and build stronger co-op communities.

2. Ageing-In-Place Panel Discussion

Facilitated by Cheri McDougall, Carrie-Ann French, Patty Wozak, Alison Grittner, Erin Viala and Brenda Davies

Ageing in Place is defined as “the ability to live in one’s own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income or ability level.” One of the leading issues facing our housing co-ops is that many of our members are ageing. We are now called upon to help facilitate the necessary resources to accommodate them. Please join us for this interactive discussion and find ways that will help guide your housing co-ops navigate around this most pertinent issue.

4. Mental Health In Our Communities

Facilitated by Carol A. Daw

Mental Health Awareness has become headline news and for good reason. Housing Co-ops are experiencing difficulties at times with individuals that may be living with or suffering from a mental illness. This workshop will focus on the warning signs that may present themselves and teach us how to recognize that you may be dealing with someone with a mental health issue. Come and learn how you can facilitate strategies and find resources to handle these situations.