



IBAO Contributes Expertise to Support Ontario's Nonprofits

Province Wide Risk Management Workshops Assisted Ontario's Nonprofit Sector

TORONTO, December 12th, 2007, Today in Mississauga, the Insurance Brokers Association of Ontario (IBAO), in partnership with the Government of Ontario, Imagine Canada, the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Ryerson University's Centre for Voluntary Sector Studies, concluded a province wide series of risk management workshops.

In total, 24 seminars were held in 22 different communities across Ontario during the months of November and December. These interactive workshops were taught by veteran insurance trainer David Hartley and were open to staff, volunteers and board members of small and medium-sized nonprofit organizations.

The involved organizations are part of a cross-sectoral group, called the Ontario Volunteer Partnership (OVP), created last June by the Government of Ontario in an effort to address risk management and insurance issues in the nonprofit sector. A key component of the OVP is a centre, created and operated by Imagine Canada, to provide training and resources to nonprofit organizations.

IBAO's primary role in the initiative was to contribute valuable insurance expertise for the nonprofits to take advantage of. According to IBAO CEO Randy Carroll, many nonprofits were unfamiliar with the resources available to them to minimize operational risk.

"IBAO was delighted to play a role in this important series," said Carroll. "Our goal, as is that of all insurance brokers, is to help people and organizations get the right coverage and reduce their risks. In doing so, we enable them to focus on what they do best—serving their communities—rather than worry about whether they've sufficiently protected their staff and clients."

For more information on the initiative, please visit Imagine Canada's website at www.imaginecanada.ca. Click on "Learn" then "Risk Management."

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