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## A National, Grassroots Movement: The Chapters

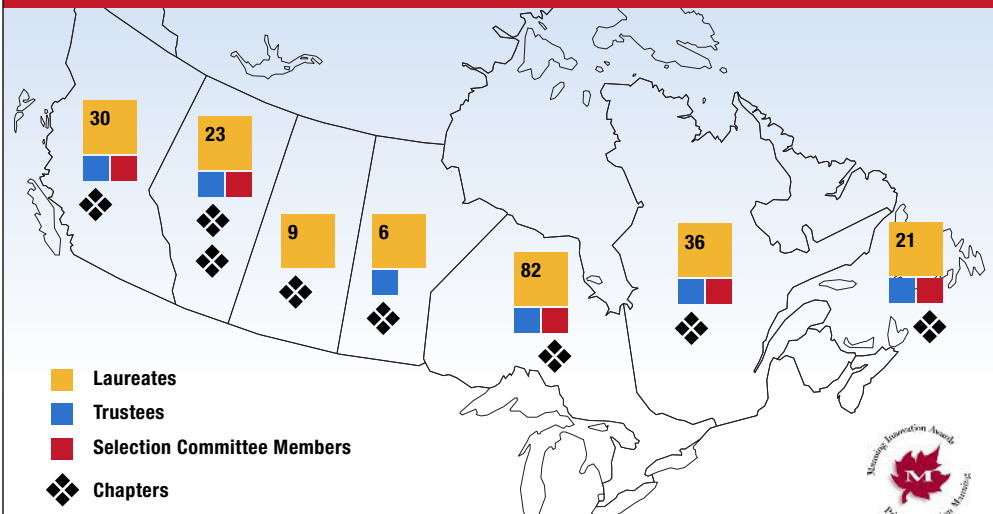
Allan Shaw, one of Atlantic Canada's most prominent businessmen and community leaders, was the animating force behind the establishment of the Ernest C. Manning Awards Foundation Chapter program. The concept was raised at a Planning Session in late 2000, as a way to raise national awareness of Foundation programs and encourage qualified nominations. In October 2001, Trustee Allan Shaw initiated the Foundation's first chapter in Atlantic Canada, and its inaugural meeting held in January 2002.

In less than a decade, active Chapters spanned the country. Entirely volunteer-based, they have attracted Canadians from diverse sectors and professions, numerous laureates and an impressive cross-section of individuals from the public and private sectors. As the Chapters grew, their activities increased.

Led again by the Atlantic Canada Chapter, Nominee Recognition Events, publicly acknowledging local qualified nominees, began, and were quickly picked up by other Chapters. By 2006, spring events celebrating local nominees as a prelude to the Awards announcement and encouraging future nominees to apply, took place across the country. That fall, Allan Shaw informally chaired the first meeting of Chapter Chairs. In 2007, that ad hoc role was taken up – and gradually expanded – by Dr. Jim McEwen, Foundation Vice President, Trustee, Laureate and former British Columbia Chapter Chair.

As the Chapters continue to attract more laureates, business leaders and entrepreneurs, they are actively reviewing additional activities to help the Foundation take on a more prominent role in the national innovation agenda.

### FOUNDATION GEOGRAPHICAL OVERVIEW



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**Atlantic Canada Nominee Recognition Event:** Allan Shaw, outgoing Chair (second from left) and Wayne Bussey, incoming Chair (second from right) with this year's Atlantic Nominees.



**Ontario Nominee Recognition event:** Ian Cooper, Cameron Piron, Arshia Tabrizi, Frank Schaedlich, Janusz Pawliszyn.



**Quebec Chapter Chair,** France Côté



**Manitoba Nominee Recognition event:** Dr. Magdy Younes, University of Manitoba, Kirk Schroeder, Energy P.O.D Inc., Geoff Taylor, Vista Medical, Rory Bochinski, Shockknife and Doyle Buehler, Mytego Inc.

## The 2009 Nominee Recognition Events

### Atlantic Canada

**Chair:** Wayne Bussey, P.Eng. President and CEO, TARA

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The Atlantic Canada Chapter renamed the Nominee Recognition Event the "Allan Shaw Nominee Reception" in recognition of his extraordinary leadership over the past 8 years. Hosted by Wayne Bussey, President and CEO of TARA, who succeeded Allan as Chair, the event, held at Halifax's World Trade & Convention Centre on April 1, attracted approximately 120 attendees who gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the region's 2009 nominees.

### Ontario

**Chair:** Dr. Scott Tanner, President, DVS

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With a rousing keynote by 2008 Principal Award winner Professor Janusz Pawliszyn, the Ontario Chapter celebrated its nominees on April 28 at the Faculty Club at the University of Toronto. Under the stewardship of Dr. Scott Tanner [Award of Distinction, with Vladimir Baranov, 2001], who succeeded Patricia Rae as Chapter Chair, the revitalized chapter has attracted a number of laureates, including Gary Mousseau [Principal Award, with Mike Lazaridis, 2002] and Ken Kasha [Principal Award, 1983]. In addition, laureate Bob Lyons remains in regular contact and was represented at the event by his daughter Liz Lyons, who is completing a Ph.D. in business and innovation!

### Quebec

**Chair:** France Côté, Partner, Benoit & Côté

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The Quebec Chapter, spearheaded by Trustee France Côté, formed in late 2008. Based in Montreal, they are looking forward to hosting their inaugural Nominee Recognition Event in 2010.

### Manitoba

**Chair:** Harry Schulz, Chief Innovation Officer, Health Sciences Centre / WRHA

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On May 28, the Manitoba Chapter celebrated its nominees in partnership with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. Since 2004, Manitoba nominees have been profiled before the business community at the May Chamber Membership luncheon. This year's keynote speaker was David Asper, a familiar face to the Foundation's community. In 2005, he emceed the Awards Gala held in Winnipeg. Executive Vice-President of Canwest Global Communications Corporation and Chairman of the *National Post*, his various community newspapers and flagship publication, The *National Post*, have been publishing the "Congratulations to our Winners" announcement and "Call for Nominations" ads since 1998. Also, a series of public service announcements featuring the Award Recipients are telecast throughout Canwest's vast network of television stations across Canada.

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**Saskatchewan  
Chapter Chair,  
Austin Beggs**



**Northern Alberta  
Chapter Chair,  
Solomon Rolinger**



**Southern Alberta  
Chapter Chair,  
David Bailey. Ph.D.**



**British Columbia Nominee Recognition Event:  
Nominee Gordon Thiessen and Foundation  
President John Read.**

## Saskatchewan

**Chair:** Austin Beggs, Director, Corporate Relations, Innovation Place

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Austin Beggs attended his first Manning Innovation Awards Gala in 2008, was very impressed by both the Award Winners and the Young Canadian innovators, and now is actively seeking potential nominees.

## Alberta

**Northern Alberta Chair:** Solomon J. Rolinger, Q.C., Partner, Duncan & Craig LLP

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**Northern Alberta** The Faculty Club of the University of Alberta was host to the Northern Alberta Nominee Recognition Event. President John Read was in attendance. This year, the Northern Alberta Chapter had five nominees. Innovations out of Northern Alberta ranged from a nanotech dressing to a heavy industrial tool.

**Southern Alberta Chair:** David Bailey, Ph.D., President & CEO, Genome Alberta

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**Southern Alberta** Chaired by Dr. David Bailey, President and CEO of Genome Alberta, the 2009 Nominee Reception was held Wednesday, May 6 at the Alastair Ross Technology Centre. Featuring Dr. Lorne Tyrrell [Principal Award, 2005] as guest speaker, the nominees were joined by Executive Director Bruce Fenwick and President John Read. Each nominee was given the opportunity to explain his innovation to an impressed audience.

## British Columbia

**Chair:** Murray Goldberg, Founder & President, Brainify Education Technologies Corporation

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Established in 2004 by laureate and Trustee Jim McEwen, the 2009 Nominee Recognition Event was hosted by new Chair, Murray Goldberg [Principal Award, 2004]. Held April 29 at the BC Innovation Council Boardroom, nominees were joined by Executive Director Bruce Fenwick and President John Read. Murray found videos or stills of each innovation online and utilized these images while introducing and congratulating each of the nominees.

In addition to the normal roster of Chapter activities, Murray and his team have been actively working with the Foundation on the annual awards dinner scheduled for Vancouver in September.

## Interested in joining a Chapter?

Help us find Canadians with the imagination to innovate and the stamina to succeed. Contact your local Chapter if you'd like to help us find and celebrate talented Canadians in your community.

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## Special Thanks To

The government of Alberta's **Community Spirit Donation Grant Program** has awarded the **Foundation \$25,000**. A donor-driven program, it is structured to help increase private charitable donations by individual Albertans to Alberta's non-profit and charitable organizations.



Wayne R. Morris, President, Calgary Fire Department Community Foundation, at the 2008 Dave Mitchell Tribute Luncheon.

The **Calgary Fire Department Community Foundation** made a \$25,000 donation in support of the Dave Mitchell Tribute. Citing its great admiration for the Foundation, and its recognition of innovations in Survival and Safety, Emergency Health and Fire Fighting, it noted that "Many of the innovations recognized by the Manning Innovation Awards in these categories have directly benefitted the fire fighting industry and public safety in Canada."

## HOLD THE DATE

The National Awards dinner will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on September 18 at the Westin Bayshore.

## Foundation News



The inaugural **Dr. Frank LeBlanc Chair in Spinal Cord Research** at the University of Calgary was announced in March. Established through gifts raised through Reach!, the joint fundraising initiative of the University of Calgary and Alberta Health Services. Contributors included the Calgary Foundation, the Alberta Paraplegic Foundation and the Canada Foundation for Innovation. The chair was named in honour of Selection Committee Chairman **Dr. Frank LeBlanc**. Chief of Neurosurgery at the Foothills Medical Centre 1974-83, he was instrumental in establishing the Department of Clinical Neuroscience with Dr. Robert Lee in 1981, and is currently Professor Emeritus in Neurosciences at the University of Calgary.



Trustee **Preston Manning** recently joined the Council of Canadian Academies. A not-for-profit private corporation established by the Government of Canada, it supports independent, expert assessment of the science that is relevant to important public issues. A recent report, "Innovation and Business Strategy: Why Canada Falls Short" may be of interest to the Foundation community, and may be found at [scienceadvice.ca](http://scienceadvice.ca).



Laureate **David Schindler** [Award of Distinction, 1993], was awarded the Fleming Medal by the Royal Canadian Institute for the Advancement of Science, Canada's oldest scientific society. Schindler's keynote address featured a presentation on his groundbreaking work that resulted in the ban on phosphates, for which he was recognized by the Manning Innovation Awards.



On June 5th, Simon Fraser University recognized **Jim McEwen** [Principal Award, 1997], founding British Columbia Chapter Chair and Trustee, with an Honourary degree, Doctor of Science, honoris causa. Known as a pioneer of British Columbia's biomedical engineering industry, his development of the revolutionary micro-processor controlled automatic tourniquet system is used in 15,000 surgical procedures daily. Dr. McEwen holds over 160 patents and applications on medical devices in fields including orthopedics, anesthesia, ophthalmology, laboratory medicine and surgery.

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