



NEWS FROM PGIA

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There's been a lot of action this past 6 months, although I think most everyone has been far too busy to realize it! I've been hearing throughout the industry how strapped for time all seem to be thanks to our economy, and not to mention lack of available workers. But life goes on and we keep plugging along, hoping to bring to you the membership programs and speakers that will continue to benefit you.

Final Proof

Our joint aGain publication is getting ready for it's third issue. As with any new publication we've had our growing pains. Each issue has brought to light where and how changes need to happen...and we've made them happen. The magazine looks great and has excellent content. I am happy to report that we are having success in focusing on the print industry issues, education and information, but from a very decidedly western view. Quite a different edge in relation to many of the other print publications available. I once again extend kudos to all that have volunteered their time and services to make these first few issues come to fruition. If you have any questions or would like to advertise check the website at www.finalproofmagazine.com.

Adobe in Calgary

PGIA in conjunction with aGain sponsored a full day Adobe workshop on April 24th. It was an informative energetic day. I, not a graphics person in any way, shape or form was duly impressed with the new Adobe products. Colin had the audience oohing and aahing an awful lot. We had two ipods given away courtesy of mymacdealer, and the grand prize of a full Creative Suite 3 was also drawn for.

Dave Fellman Presents....

On May 24th PGIA brought Dave Fellman to Calgary. He is president of David Fellman & Associates, a sales & marketing consulting firm serving numerous segments of the graphic arts industry. The topic of "Top 10 Mistakes Printers Make with Customers and How to Avoid Them" was enlightening and entertaining. For those of you that attended, I thank you for your support. Feedback was very positive, and I found Mr. Fellman to be a knowledgeable dynamic speaker. If anyone is interested in bringing him back once again please contact the PGIA at 281-1421.

PGIA Golfs aGain

June 24th brought all the avid golfers out for the annual PGIA/aGain Tournament. This year's venue of Canals at Delacour proved to be a challenge for most. Although the event started in what I can only describe as torrential downpour, the skies did break to an enjoyable afternoon. Fabulous prizes were provided and for this I thank all our sponsors and donators.

Health & Safety News

June 5th brought "Workplace Addictions". James Arnett from AADAC and David Corry of Gowlings, Lafleur, Henderson presented. Mr. Arnett provided us with Statistics, Indicators of Substance Use/Abuse, Role of the Supervisor, and more. Mr. Corry principally practices in labor and employment law, education law and human rights. He has experience in both the federal and provincial areas of jurisdiction. These two gentlemen provided us with amazing and possibly unsettling information and statistics regarding workplace addictions. Our next Health & Safety program is a half day seminar the morning of Tuesday September 11, 2007 entitled Harassment and Violence in the Workplace. More information and registration will come to you via email messages and Canada Post mailings.

AGM

This year's AGM is slated to take place at the Highwood Dining Room, SAIT Campus, Thursday September 27. A presentation from the Calgary Police Service volunteer section on Credit Card and Identity fraud will be presented. Plus we will be recognizing those retired PGIA Board members. Once again I will be forwarding information, so keep your eyes peeled for it.

PGIA Committees

The PGIA Board of Directors is looking for individuals who are interested in sitting on Board committees. The commitment is small; 2-3 meetings a year. If you are interested in marketing/promotion, education/training, membership, programs/events, health & safety, or government affairs, please contact Caron at the PGIA office.

I am always looking for and open to suggestions regarding programs and speakers. Feel free to contact me with anything or anyone you feel is interesting, pertinent, or just plain fun and I will delve into it further.