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Agenda

Friday, April 25th

7:00 pm [Registration](#)

8:00 pm [President's Reception \[Kentucky Room\]](#)



Join old friends and meet new ones during the opening of the RTNDA B.C. Regional Pro Dev Seminar & Awards Banquet hosted by RTNDA President Bob McLaughlin

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10:00 pm [Hospitality Suite \[Great Hall\]](#)

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Saturday, April 26th

7:30 am [Regional Meeting/Breakfast \[Somerset Room\]](#)

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8:30 am [Breaking News - The Story Right Now \[Kentucky Room\]](#)

This "don't miss" interactive session will challenge veteran broadcast journalists and rookie staff alike to apply the basics of news gathering skills when news breaks in their markets, and to tell the story in an active voice as it unfolds.

Speaker: Paul Cross, The Canadian Press

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10:00 am [Refreshment Break \[Foyer\]](#)

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- 10:15 am **Lindsay, Britney, Paris: Who is driving the news?** [Kentucky Room]
 Entertainment or gossip news is infiltrating our casts more and more. Sometimes these pieces even lead or run exceptionally high in the lineup. The death of Anna Nicole Smith, the identity of her baby's father, Lindsay and Britney's run-ins with the law, Paris goes to jail. Does this really have a place in the newscast? It's lead to some raucus debate in newsrooms across the country. Hear from an entertainment reporter and three respected BC newsrooms on how they've dealt with entertainment as news and get their views about what the public wants and expects.

Moderator: Jasmin Doobay, CKOV-FM Kelowna

Panel: Ian Haysom, Global Vancouver

Ethan Faber, CTV Vancouver

Erin Cebula, E Entertainment

Jacquie Donaldson, CKWX Vancouver

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- 11:45 am **Lifetime Achievement Awards Luncheon** [Somerset Room]
 Join us as we honour two very deserving individuals in the B.C. region, Doug Collins and Vicki Gabereau.

Minister Coleman will bring greetings on behalf of the Province of British Columbia, and offer his observations on establishing positive, effective and appropriate working relationships with broadcast news media in the province.

Guest Speaker: Rich Coleman, BC Minister of Forests and Range

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- 1:15 pm **What's Hot in Media Law?** [Kentucky Room]
 Dan Burnett updates us on the defamation front, the ever annoying world of publication bans, Pickton trial #2, Hells Angels, Privacy concerns, use of "You Tube" in the news, Internet and "Citizen Journalism".
 A MUST NOT MISS session!

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- 2:45 pm **RCMP and the Media** [Kentucky Room]
 RCMP Chief Superintendent Don Harrison of Kelowna joins us for a bear pit (off-the-record) discussion on the relationship between the media and the force.

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4:00 pm **Refreshment Break** [Foyer]

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4:15 pm **Bl@g Blast - Virtual Resource or Virtual Disaster?** [Kentucky Room]

Blogs are here whether we like it or not with many of the bloggers likening themselves to "citizen journalists". But should we be using blogs as a resource? What potential problems do blogs present and are there ways to use this new phenomenon without losing our credibility?

Moderator: Bill O'Donovan, CFJC Anchor/Producer

Panel: Mel Rothenburger, Editor Kamloops Daily News/Former Kamloops Mayor

Heron Hanuman, CTV Vancouver Web Master

Barry Baker, Kamloops Blogger

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6:30 pm **BC Regional Awards Banquet** [Somerset Room]

The coveted RTNDA Awards will be presented as RTNDA Canada honours the best in electronic journalism in the B.C. Region



Hosted by: Cheryl Blackwell and Steve Ayres from B-100, Kamloops.

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10:00 pm **Hospitality Suite** [Great Hall]

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RTNDA Lifetime Achievement Awards

The RTNDA Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves through outstanding service and continued excellence during the course of their career in broadcast journalism.

The Award is for lifetime achievement rather than a single contribution, no matter how monumental, and is one of the highest honours bestowed by RTNDA.

This year we are pleased to honour these deserving individuals in the B.C. Region ...



Doug Collins

Doug Collins celebrates 42 years in broadcast news this year. He entered the business right out of high school, taking a summer job with CBC radio in Prince Rupert. In the early 70's he made the move to the thriving metropolis of Kamloops, BC, where he began his long relationship with the city's heritage station CFJC TV/JC-55/CIFM.

At CFJC Doug learned the craft of reporting for radio AND television, doing double duty, covering stories for both mediums at once. But he always preferred radio, and carved himself a niche as the news director/ news anchor/morning desk, and produced his "one Man's Opinion" editorials for both radio and television. In his long career Doug has hosted live radio talk shows, and special coverage for municipal, provincial, and federal elections -- often single-handedly juggling in-studio guests, reporters in the field, and phone in callers, all the while keeping one eye on the wires and the other on a television set.

Doug has mentored many of the journalists working around the BC and other provinces, and always tried to cultivate a work ethic in them leading by his own example. During the fires that devastated Kamloops and surrounding communities in the summer of 2003, Doug Collins was the first and only newsman in the city on the air for the first ten hours, going all night with information about the fire's movements and evacuation orders.

Once a promising football player, Doug served in the sports department when needed. He brought his love of sports and community to several young teams in Kamloops over the years, winning Coach of the Year for his work in baseball, and coaching high school football as well. Doug served as a play by play announcer for the Kamloops Rockets (BC Jr Hockey), the Kamloops Chiefs(WHL). He also lent his pipes to High School and Professional Rodeo Events throughout the region.

While overseeing the interior's busiest newsroom, Doug Collins also took on the duties as the Radio Operations manager as well as serving as the News Director.

Doug Collins has given his life to broadcast, and in his four decades working in the industry has been instrumental in turning Kamloops into one of the most competitive news markets in BC outside of the lowermainland. He is also a longtime supporter and member of RTNDA.

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Vicki Gabereau

Vicki Gabereau is a rare treasure in Canadian broadcasting. She attracts friends and fans with every conversation she has and is universally admired for her wit, her insight, her enthusiasm for this country and her great rapport with both the rich and famous and ordinary Canadians.

For 30 years, Vicki has been a tremendous role model for women in broadcasting. As far back as the days when a deep male voice was a prime requisite for making it on the air...she parlayed her moxie, her intellect and her real-life experiences into a successful career as a radio interviewer.

A native of Vancouver, Vicki moved to Toronto at the age of 18 to attend school. Over the next 12 years, she lived an eclectic life, which included working as a cab driver, a clown and a bartender. In 1974, she ran for Mayor of Toronto, losing by 177,000 votes. All of this was in addition to becoming a wife and mother.

Vicki's broadcasting career began when she hosted her first talk show for a small station in Brampton, Ontario. She later joined the CBC as an archivist, and in 1981 became the host of CBC's Variety Tonight. In 1985, she became the host of Gabereau, a two-hour daily radio talk show which ran for 12 years on CBC. After more than 15,000 interviews and three ACTRA awards, she switched to television, and joined CTV in 1997.

Gabereau ran for 8 seasons on CTV, with more than 1000 episodes and 3000 guests to its credit. The show won the 2005 Gemini Award for Best Talk Show. The list of other awards Vicki has received is impressive: Gemini Awards in 2001, 2002, and 2004 in addition to her numerous nominations, three ACTRA Awards, as well as two Leo Awards for excellence in the BC television and film industries. In 2005, Vicki received the Bruce Hutchison Lifetime Achievement Award from the Jack Webster Foundation, which celebrates excellence in British Columbia journalism, as well as the 2005 Woman of the Year Award from Women in Film and Video Vancouver.

Speakers, Moderators & Panelists



Barry Baker

Barry is the author of Right Up Your Alley: Kamloops (www.rightupyouralley.ca), a blog that provides commentary on media, politics, current affairs, and blogs in Kamloops, BC. He is an active member of his community, having provided leadership on the boards of several community groups including the Kamloops Chamber of Commerce and the BC Interior Technology Network.

In his professional life, Barry is a results-focused technologist, entrepreneur, and business consultant with start-up and public company experience. He has helped a variety of companies, including Microsoft Corporation, develop strategies for identifying, engaging, and retaining key market segments during periods of transition. As the Director of Professional Services for ASL Internet (a Canoe.ca/Quebecor Media property), Barry provides innovative technical, sales, and marketing guidance to automotive dealerships throughout Canada.



Dan Burnett

Dan Burnett has been a lawyer with Vancouver's Own Bird Law Corporation since 1988. He has been practicing primarily in the area of media law for over 15 years. He has wide experience in the areas of defamation, news advice, privacy, contempt, publication bans, freedom of information and freedom of expression issues.

Dan has acted on a number of precedent-setting media law cases from litigation-happy cabinet ministers to Hells Angels publication bans to barfing buffet patrons. He appeared as lead counsel before the court of Canada in December on the first common law libel case the Supreme Court has heard in over a decade.

Dan is a founding member of Ad Idem - Advocates in Defence of Expression in Media - and has spoken, lectured and written on a wide range of media law issues. He is listed in both "Lexpert" and "The Best Lawyers in Canada" for his prominence in the areas of defamation and media law.

In 2007, Dan received the Friend of RTNDA Award to acknowledge his contributions to the broadcast journalism industry.



Erin Cebula

Call it destiny and hard work or passion with a purpose, but either way switch on your TV and you'll find Erin Cebula. What started as a high school video assignment has turned into a dynamic and exciting career on the little big screen with Erin as your host. With sparkle and genuine curiosity, Erin entertains, engages and explores...

In 2000, Erin became Global BC's foremost Entertainment Reporter. It was an opportunity to host and edit the perfect fit for the multi-skilled BCIT grad. This led to on-camera gigs with the Canuck's Pay Per-View broadcast, Telus World Ski and Snowboard Festival and Tourism Vancouver. This former farm girl and undercover jock was also voted one of TV Week's 10 Most Beautiful People in 2003.

In 2002, Erin beat out thousands of hopefuls to become the co-host of Urban Rush, Vancouver's popular Entertainment Variety Show. During those 400 hours of live TV she charmed chefs, rockers and everyone in between and has a Leo nod as "Best Host" to prove it. When the pop culture program "Entertainment Tonight Canada" launched in 2005, Erin was a natural fit and she continues to be their go-to reporter on the West Coast. Erin also honors BC's heroes as the host of HGTV's Leo nominated home reno show "Makeover Wish".



Rich Coleman

Rich Coleman was appointed Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing on June 16, 2005. He previously served as Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General.

Mr. Coleman was first elected in 1996 to represent the riding of Fort Langley-Aldergrove and was re-elected in 2001 and 2005. From 1996-2001, Mr. Coleman served in a variety of Official Opposition roles, including housing critic, forests deputy critic, and caucus whip. He also sat on the Select Standing Committee on Forests, Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources, and on the Official Opposition Caucus Committee on Crime.

Mr. Coleman has served as governor of the B.C. Kinsmen, president of the Aldergrove Chamber of Commerce, and as a director on several volunteer boards. He was awarded Rotary's highest honour, the Paul Harris Fellowship, and received a Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2003. He has also received the Canada 125 Medal for community service and was chosen Langley's Volunteer of the Year in 1988.

Before his election to the Legislative Assembly, Mr. Coleman ran a real estate management and consulting company. He is also a former member of the RCMP and a security specialist.

Rich Coleman and his wife, Michele, live in Aldergrove and have two adult children. Michele is the former manager of the North Langley Chamber of Commerce. Rich's hobbies include golfing and watching sports such as hockey and football.



Paul Cross

Paul Cross has been bringing award-winning news and documentaries to Canadian radio for 30 years. He has served as national producer and co-anchor of the CHUM Radio Network national news, and since 2003 has regularly anchored national newscasts for The Canadian Press. Cross is a full-time member of the faculty in the Radio Broadcasting program at Humber College in Toronto.



Jacquie Donaldson

Thirty years ago she was sitting in a boring university lecture wondering what to do with the rest of her life. Two weeks later she was in a Radio Broadcasting course at a Community college. She found her calling! Jacquie has worked in Calgary and Toronto as morning show co-host and news anchor. Now she's the News Director at News1130 Vancouver. She says there's no shortage of stress, no day that's without challenge, and she still loves going to work every morning.



Jasmin Doobay

Jasmin is currently juggling morning show co-hosting duties on Power 104 in Kelowna, with being News Director for Power and sister station B-103. Jasmin is also the BC Regional Radio Director for RTNDA and serves on the BC Regional Panel of the Canadian Broadcast Standards Council. Outside of radio life, Jasmin is married and the mother of a 5 year old girl. In her spare time (what spare time?) Jasmin relaxes by sampling the wines of the Okanagan, making jewelry and hanging with the neighbours.



Ethan Faber

Ethan Faber runs the news desk at CTV British Columbia as the Assignment Editor and was previously CTV British Columbia's Managing Editor. He's an award-winning journalist who's been honoured with the Canadian Association of Broadcasters Gold Ribbon for Television News and the Jack Webster Foundation Fellowship Award. He's covered stories around the province as a reporter for BCTV, VTV and CTV British Columbia. Ethan sits on the Canadian Association of Journalists' National Ethics Advisory Committee and is a University of Victoria and BCIT Broadcast Journalism grad. He also teaches Broadcast Journalism at BCIT.



Heron Hanuman

Heron has a passion for storytelling, innovation and is an avid online-news junkie, and is thrilled to take on a new challenge of managing ctvbc.ca, CTV British Columbia's new online platform.

Born in Northampton, England and raised in Winnipeg by his Trinidadian parents, Heron is no stranger to Canada's broadcasting industry. His career began in Winnipeg in 1992 at CBC Radio. He has worked on both sides of the camera in newsrooms, production companies, and film sets in Winnipeg, Toronto, Trinidad, England, France and Vancouver. Heron has a Bachelor of Applied Arts from Ryerson Polytechnic University's School of Radio & Television Arts.

Career highlights include working at Trinidad & Tobago's Public Broadcaster, interviewing numerous Hollywood celebrities at the 1999 & 2000 Cannes Film Festival, playing a Canadian bartender in a British independent comedy, and having the shortest stand-up comedy career in Canada (12 minutes).

Heron joined CTV in 2000 and has produced and reported feature stories for CTV News at Six. He occasionally can be found behind the anchor desk.

Heron completed the 2007 National Press Photographers Association NewsVideo Workshop in Norman, Oklahoma. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Black Journalists.

Don Harrison

Don joined the Force in 1972, completed basic training in Regina (lovingly called the factory) and was posted to Boston Bar, B.C. upon graduation. Don served there until 1976 and was then transferred to Chilliwack.

In 1982, Don was promoted to Corporal and moved to Dease Island Freeway Patrol for eight months when he was moved to New Aiyansh Detachment as the commander at that point. In 1985, he was transferred to Cassiar Detachment as the commander, after four years there he went to Radium Hots Springs and 11 months later was promoted to Sgt. and was transferred to Fraser Lake, B.C. as the commander.

In 1992, Don was commissioned to the rank of Inspector and transferred to Edmonton Alberta as the Division Traffic Officer. After 18 months in Edmonton he was transferred to Sherwood Park Detachment as the Officer in Charge.

In 1998, he was transferred to Vernon, B.C. as the Officer in Charge and in 2000 was promoted to Superintendent and moved as to Kelowna as the Officer in Charge of the Detachment.

In 2004, he was moved to the South East District as the Officer in Charge and in 2006 was promoted Chief Superintendent at the District where he remains.

Don has completed 35 years with the RCMP and says being a member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police has been the most satisfying of careers.



Ian Haysom

Ian Haysom is a career journalist who has held senior positions in newspapers and television news. He is news director of Global British Columbia, which is one of North America's most successful news operations.

Ian trained in England, spent some time in Fleet Street, and worked on various leading newspapers in Canada in a myriad of roles - everything from reporter to feature writer to film critic to columnist. He has worked as a national correspondent for Southam News. He was editor-in-chief of The Province in Vancouver and then editor-in-chief of The Vancouver Sun before moving to television news and current affairs almost a decade ago. He continues to write a weekly column, book reviews and feature articles.



Bill O'Donovan

Bill joined the CFJC-TV news team as Anchor and Producer in September, 2001. Prior to moving to Kamloops, he co-anchored Southern Saskatchewan's top rated newscast at CTV Regina. Bill spent 15 years at CTV Regina, starting as a Sports Reporter/Anchor, later becoming Sports Director before moving into the News Anchor Chair.

Originally from Williams Lake, Bill's first job was in Dawson Creek in 1976. That was followed by stops in Williams Lake, Penticton, and Kamloops.



Mel Rothenburger

Mel Rothenburger joined The Daily News in Kamloops in 1970, and has served as Editor for most of the time since then. Between 1999 and 2005, he took a leave of absence to serve as the Mayor of Kamloops. In addition to his two terms as mayor, Mel has served on numerous community boards and committees including the Kamloops School Board, Venture Kamloops board, Thompson-Nicola Regional District board, Graffiti Task Force

and Thompson-Nicola Film Board. He is a recipient of the Queen's Jubilee Medal, B.C. Heritage Society Award for Outstanding Achievement, and Rotary International Foundation's Paul Harris Fellowship. In March 2008, he was named as the recipient of the Eric Dunning Integrity Award for contributions to journalism and community.



Our Code of Ethics

The Standard for Canadian Broadcasting Excellence

Free speech and an informed public are vital to a democratic society. The members of RTNDA Canada recognize the responsibility of broadcast journalist to promote and to protect the freedom to report independently about matters of public interest and to present a wide range of expressions, opinions and ideas.

Article One (Accuracy)

Broadcast journalists will inform the public in an accurate, comprehensive and fair manner about events and issues of importance.

Article Two (Equality)

Broadcast journalists will report factors such as race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sexual orientation, marital status or physical or mental disability only when they are relevant.

Article Three (Authenticity)

Broadcast journalists will present news and public affairs without distortion. Interviews may be edited provided that the meaning is not changed or misrepresented. Broadcast journalists will not present news that is rehearsed or re-enacted without informing the audience. Newsrooms should take steps to ensure the authenticity of amateur video and audiotape before broadcasting it. Editorials and commentary will be identified as such.

Article Four (Privacy)

Broadcast journalists will respect the dignity, privacy and well being of everyone with whom they deal, and will make every effort to ensure that newsgathering and reporting does not unreasonably infringe privacy except when necessary in the public interest. Hidden audio and video recording devices should only be used when it is necessary to the credibility or accuracy of a story in the public interest.

Article Five (Independence)

Independence is a fundamental value and we will resist any attempts at censorship that would erode it. Broadcast journalists will resist pressures to change or alter the news. Intrusion into content, real or apparent should be resisted.

Article Five A (Integrity)

Producers of news broadcasts will not pay subjects or sources that have a vested interest in a story. Commentators or contracted experts are exempted. Broadcast journalists will not accept financial compensation from those who seek to influence news coverage thereby compromising journalistic integrity and independence.

Article Six (Conflict of Interest)

Broadcast journalists will govern themselves on and off the job in such a way as to avoid conflict of interest, real or apparent.

Article Seven (Corrections)

Errors will be quickly acknowledged and publicly corrected.

Article Eight (Decency and Conduct)

Broadcast journalists will treat people who are subjects and sources with decency. They will use special sensitivity when dealing with children. They will strive to conduct themselves in a courteous and considerate manner, keeping broadcast equipment as unobtrusive as possible. They will strive to prevent their presence from distorting the character or importance of events.

Article Nine (Fair Trial)

In reporting matters that are or may be before the courts, broadcast journalists will ensure that their reporting does not interfere with the rights of an individual to a fair trial.

Article Ten (Covering Violent Situations)

Reporting on criminal activities such as hostage takings, prison uprisings or terrorist acts will be done in a fashion that does not knowingly endanger lives, offer comfort and support or provide vital information to the perpetrator(s). RTNDA members will contact neither victims nor perpetrators of a criminal activity during the course of the event for the purpose of conducting an interview that would interfere with a peaceful resolution.

Article Eleven (Intellectual Property)

Plagiarism is unacceptable. Broadcast journalists will strive to honour the intellectual property of others, including video and audio materials.

Article Twelve (Impediments)

Broadcast journalists will seek to remove any impediments to or bans on the gathering or reporting of news in the public interest.

Article Thirteen (Sources)

Broadcast journalists will make every effort to attribute news on the record. Confidential sources should be used only when it is clearly in the public interest to gather or convey important information or when a person providing information might be harmed.

Article Fourteen (Respect and Enforcement)

Members of the RTNDA will respect the provisions of this Code and the RTNDA itself will take all reasonable steps to encourage that all broadcast journalists in Canada are aware of and observe the Code, even if they are not themselves members of the RTNDA.



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