

# *Vision and Objectives Membership Programs Membership Criteria*

The **EMA of B.C.** (formerly known as the iciEMA) assists businesses to effectively anticipate and respond to environmental challenges with well thought out environmental management practices and policies.

Members include corporations in many different business sectors, ranging from British Columbia's largest organizations to many smaller companies with diverse environmental issues. Regardless of size and business sector, member companies have the common interest of requiring sound environmental management, remaining current, understanding new developments as well as exchanging ideas and experiences.

## • *The Vision and Objectives of ici EMA*

### **VISION:**

To encourage education, share knowledge among members and create a forum for environmental management issues

### **OBJECTIVES:**

- to provide a network for the generation and exchange of information and ideas among members,
- to serve as a key resource of environmental information for members;
- to address existing and emerging environmental issues;
- to promote cooperation, communication and understanding among members;

*“Court cases from around the country make it clear that membership and participation in organizations like the ici EMA can be a valuable piece of evidence in your company's due diligence defence to an environmental prosecution.”*

— Paul R. Cassidy, Senior Canadian Environmental Lawyer

## • ***Membership Programs***

### **ici EMA MEETS THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH**

Through our monthly meetings, members have discussed numerous topics including: Corporate Environmental Programs, Hazardous Waste Management, Environmental Due Diligence, Energy Conservation and Management, New and Planned Environmental Legislation, What To Do If You Are Charged with an Offence Under the Waste Management Act. (*See Sample List of Topics Below.*)

- Our monthly meetings focus on guest speakers and provide an interactive perspective.
- Networking among members provides a platform for the sharing of vital communication and practical information, for example, “what worked and what didn’t work”.
- We host one day workshops on special issues, such as: Management of Fuel Storage Tanks at Industrial and Commercial Sites; Environmental Auditing.
- We publish a quarterly newsletter that provides members with information on a range of environmental issues along with information on iciEMA events and activities.

## • ***Membership Criteria***

The ici EMA’s constitution requires that “Members will be from either the industrial, commercial or institutional sectors and such organizations that provide environmental support and environmental services to these sectors...” generally excluding regulators and non-industry special interest groups.

*Annual Membership Dues:* The annual membership dues are \$350 (plus GST) which entitles members to participate in all our meetings, receive newsletters and take advantage of extraordinary events put on by the Association. Memberships are corporate and entitle any number of employees to participate in the activities of the ici EMA.

If your organization is interested in becoming a member of the ici EMA, please complete the enclosed membership application form and forward it to:

Vice-President – Membership  
ici EMA  
PO Box 3741  
Vancouver, B.C., V6B 3Z1

# **Samples of topics presented and discussed at ici EMA meetings**

## **REGULATORY, LEGAL AND DUE DILIGENCE ISSUES**

- Bata and Beyond – an update on officers and directors liability.
- Corporate Liability: how to keep your directors out of jail.
- Harsh Realities: case studies of environmental offences – lessons learned when things go wrong.
- Obtaining Project Approvals: meeting the legal requirements is not enough.
- Review of Existing and Upcoming Environmental Legislation.
- Comparison of Contaminated Sites Regulations in Ontario, Alberta, B.C. and the U.S.
- Government and the Environment: new initiatives and direction for the NDP government.
- New Contaminated Sites Legislation (Bill C26).
- Proposed Legislation: ergonomics for the workplace – implications for employers.
- Upcoming environmental legislation and its impact on B.C. business.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING**

- BC Rail's Five-Year Environment Plan in Action.
- Corporate Sustainable Development: a nebulous proposition?
- Environmental Audits.
- \* Environmental Management Systems.
- \* Environmental Stewardship: employee and management behaviour – corporate case studies.
- \* Pro-active Environmental Risk Management.
- The ISO 14000 Series of Environmental Management Standards.
- Corporate Environmental Programs – two perspectives.
- Dr. William Rees – The Ecological Footprint and Appropriate Carrying Capacity.
- Environmental Information Systems.
- Environmental Performance – public perception vs reality?
- Pollution Prevention Planning.
- The Principles and Strategies for Attaining Sustainability – what's next for the corporate sector?
- Turbulence in Financial and Economic Markets – what's ahead for environmental managers.

## **HAZARDOUS, SOLID AND LIQUID WASTE MANAGEMENT**

- Animal, Vegetable or Mineral: what is your effluent?
- GVRD Solid Waste Management Plan.
- Recycling workshop.
- Solid Waste Management: how to save costs on solid waste.
- Tour of GVRD Burnaby Refuse Incinerator.
- What is happening in the recycling industry.
- Asbestos Management.
- Hazardous Waste Management.
- Solid Waste – managing your corporate contribution to the landfill.
- The recycling of Ferrous and Nonferrous Metals.
- Underground Storage Tanks – legislation and management.
- Waste and Potable Water: advanced membrane-based technologies – solutions that pay for themselves.

## **CONSULTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS**

- Arbitration and Mediation: effective alternatives for dispute.
- Facing the Press in a Crisis – practical tips for managing a hostile media interview.
- Alternative Dispute Resolution in Environmental Management.
- From Confrontation to Consensus.
- How to Access Environmental Information on the Internet.

## **AIR QUALITY**

- CFC Refrigerants – what you need to know.
- New Regulations – Ozone Depleting Substances & the impact on business.
- The Know Zone: CFC's HCFC's and HHC's – past, present and future.

## **ENERGY AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT**

- Energy Conservation and Energy Management.
- Power Smart – national lighting promotion.
- Sustainable Forests: logging practices and clearcutting – a discussion.
- Packaging.
- Status of Alternate Fuels – a comparison of available fuel for vehicles and vehicle fleets.
- Tour of crown packaging boxing plant