

Call for Nominations

The AWF is now accepting nominations for the 2012 PEAK Awards. All nominations, including supporting materials, must be submitted by Monday, January 9, 2012. Please see the attached Official Nomination Form or visit <http://womeninfinance.ca/index.html> for Awards criteria, further information, including requirements for supporting materials, and to submit a nomination.

Consistent with our 2011 format, awards will be presented in the following categories:

- 1) Lifetime Achievement;
- 2) Excellence in the Private Sector;
- 3) Excellence in the Public Sector;
- 4) Community Legacy; and
- 5) Rising Star.

Award Honourees will be selected from eligible nominees in a confidential process by an independent judging panel. Additional Awards may be presented at the discretion of the AWF. The Award Honourees will be announced in February and individually honoured at PEAK.

This year's PEAK Awards will be a fabulous evening, during which we will honour the brilliance and achievements of women within the finance community and hold a silent auction to raise money for the AWF PEAK Scholarship Fund. PEAK 2012 on May 14th, 2012 will feature keynote speaker Amanda Lang, Senior Business Correspondent, CBC News, speaking on this year's theme "PEAK into the Future".

Please take the time to nominate a woman you know, who is truly at the PEAK in her financial field. We look forward to receiving your nomination and to seeing you on May 14th, 2012.

For further information regarding the nomination and selection process, please contact AWF Director, Lorna Nimmons at lnimmons@kpmg.ca.

Partnership packages for PEAK 2012 will be available in December 2011, and individual tickets will be available in February 2012.

For PEAK partnership opportunities or for further information about the PEAK Awards, please contact Lenore Van Oene at PEAK@womeninfinance.ca or 604.765.2850. By partnering with the AWF at the 15th Annual PEAK Awards, your organization will play an integral role in this exciting event, and will help the AWF achieve its mandate to encourage, promote and recognize women in the field of finance.

Sincerely,

Lorna Nimmons, AWF Director - Nominations

Nomination Information

Deadline:	Monday January 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
Submission directions:	Complete the application form in its entirety. Submit the form and accompanying documentation in confidence to Lorna Nimmons, AWF Director by fax (604 691 3031) or email (lnimmons@kpmg.ca).
Eligibility:	To be eligible to receive a PEAK Award, the nominee must: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Live and work in British Columbia.2) Be currently or recently employed in the field of finance or retired from the field. The field of finance is defined broadly and includes, but is not limited to, educators, public service employees, finance professionals, such as accountants, CFAs, CFPs, actuaries, bankers, CFOs, CEOs and lawyers (corporate finance, business, securities, real estate, tax, financing).3) Satisfy each of the Nomination Criteria for her award category as listed below.4) Consent, in writing, to the nomination and the publication of her name, photo and biographical information, if chosen as the successful Honouree.5) Be available to attend the Awards on the evening of May 14th, 2012.6) Not be a staff member of the AWF or a current Director of the AWF.
Judging panel and criteria:	All complete and eligible nominations are forwarded to an independent judging panel composed of finance professionals at various stages of their careers. The judging panel will be chaired by a Director or nominee of the AWF. The AWF reserves the right to move nominees into another award category if it is deemed suitable. Unless specifically declined by the nominee, nominations will be considered for two consecutive years (assuming that the eligibility criteria are met).
Award Honourees	The successful PEAK Award recipients will be announced in early February 2012 and individually honoured at the PEAK Awards on May 14 th , 2012.

Awards Criteria

Lifetime Achievement

A Lifetime Achievement PEAK Nominee is a finance professional or woman in the field of finance who:

- has 30+ years of experience;
- demonstrates an enduring commitment to achieving excellence;
- guides, supports and encourages the development of others or the promotion of women;
- is actively involved in her professional or personal communities; and
- is described as a leader, ground-breaker, or visionary by her peers.

Excellence in the Private Sector

An Excellence in the Private Sector PEAK Nominee is a finance professional or woman in the field of finance who:

- works in the private sector;
- demonstrates a high and quantifiable contribution to her company or industry;
- guides, supports and encourages the development of others or the promotion of women; and
- is actively involved in her professional or personal community.

Excellence in the Public Sector

An Excellence in the Public Sector PEAK Nominee is a finance professional or woman in the field of finance who:

- works directly in the public or not-for-profit sector or provides services primarily to the public or not-for-profit sector;
- demonstrates a high and quantifiable contribution to her institution or industry;
- guides, supports and encourages the development of others or the promotion of women; and
- is actively involved in her professional or personal community.

Community Legacy

A Community Legacy PEAK Nominee is a finance professional or woman in the field of finance who:

- demonstrates extraordinary service to the community, whether as a whole or a subgroup, or within her profession;
- is respected by her community for her contributions; and
- is making a sustained commitment and significant difference.

Rising Star

A Rising Star PEAK Nominee is a finance professional or woman in the field of finance who:

- has less than 15 years of experience;
- is an early leader who has made meaningful professional contributions that are outstanding and unique;
- guides, supports and encourages the development of others or the promotion of women; and
- is actively involved in her professional or personal community.

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Nominee

Nominee's name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company name: _____
 Company's place of business: _____
 Nominee's phone: _____ Nominee's email: _____
 Assistant's name: _____
 Assistant's phone: _____ Assistant's email: _____
 Company website: _____
 *Primary contact for nominee: _____ Company: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 **Has nominee previously been nominated for consideration? Yes No
 Year(s): _____ Status achieved: Nominee Award Honouree
 *For any questions or follow-up related to this nomination, please designate a contact, or confirm nominee or assistant as primary contact.
 **For a listing of past PEAK Honourees, please see the final page of the Nominations Package.

**Nominator
(if other than
Nominee)**

Nominator's name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company name: _____
 Company's place of business: _____
 Nominator's phone: _____ Nominator's email: _____
 Relationship to Nominee: _____

Award Category

Please check the box for the PEAK Award category or categories applicable to the Nominee:

- Lifetime Achievement
- Excellence in the Private Sector
- Excellence in the Public Sector
- Community Legacy
- Rising Star

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Please respond to each of the three items below. Explanation of why the nominee meets the specific award criteria and the narratives are critical evaluation tools for the independent panel of judges. Take this opportunity to “tell the story” behind the nominee.

Award Criteria and Narratives

- 1) Discuss how the nominee meets the specific PEAK Award criteria for the Award category or categories designated above. (Please limit your response to 500 words).
- 2) How does the nominee demonstrate perseverance in the face of adversity and overcome obstacles? (Please limit your response to 200 words).
- 3) Please provide some personal colour about the nominee (hobbies, interests, family etc.). (Please limit your response to 200 words).

Resume

Please submit or have the nominee submit an up-to-date resume.

External references

Please list a minimum of two and a maximum of three individuals who will submit written references. Written references are required by Monday January 9, 2012.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Company name: _____
 Company’s place of business: _____
 Phone: _____ Email: _____
 Relationship to Nominee: _____

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The AWF Board and the independent judging committee will confirm the accuracy of information provided to the extent they deem necessary and may request additional information to assist the independent judging committee in making its selections. Nomination packages must be submitted by Monday January 9th, 2012. Award Honourees will be announced in early February and presented at the PEAK Awards on May 14th, 2012.

Past PEAK Award Honourees

2011 Honourees:

Lifetime Achievement

- Nancy McKinstry, C.M., Chair of the Board of Directors, ICBC and Founding Member, Minerva Foundation for BC Women

Excellence in the Private Sector

- Bev Park, President & COO, Couverdon Real Estate

Excellence in the Public Sector

- Dr. Patricia Hibbitts, Vice President, Finance & Administration, Simon Fraser University

Community Legacy

- Christina Anthony, Director, Odlum Brown Limited and Founder & Chair, Forum for Women Entrepreneurs

Rising Star

- Lisa Skakun, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary, Coast Capital Savings Credit Union

Previous Years:

PEAK Lifetime Achievement Honourees

- 2010 – Sarah Morgan-Silvester, Chancellor - UBC
- 2009 – Virginia Greene, President & CEO - Business Council of BC
- 2008 – Carol Newell, Principal - Renewal Partners
- 2007 – Doreen McKenzie-Sanders, Executive Director - Women in the Lead
- 2006 – Wendy McDonald, Chairman - BC Bearing Engineers Ltd.
- 2005 – Shelley M. Tratch, Senior Partner - Borden Ladner Gervais LLP
- 2004 – Jill Bodkin, Chair & CEO - Golden Heron Enterprises
- 2003 – Eva Lee Kwok, Chair & CEO, Amara International Investment Corp.

PEAK Performance & Excellence Honourees

- 2010 – Patrice Impey, CFO and General Manager of Financial Services and Human Resources - City of Vancouver
- 2009 – Elizabeth J. Harrison, Q.C., Partner - Farris, Vaughan, Wills & Murphy LLP
- 2008 – Tracey McVicar, Managing Partner - CAI Capital Management Co.
- 2007 – Catherine McLeod-Seltzer, Executive Chair and Director - Pacific Rim Mining Corp.
- 2006 – Gail Stephens, CEO - BC Pension Corp.
- 2005 – Lisa Pankratz, President - Mackenzie Cundill Investment Management Ltd.
- 2004 – Natalie Dakers, CEO - Centre for Drug Research and Development
- 2003 – Geri Prior, CFO - ICBC

PEAK Knowledge & Leadership Honourees

- 2010 – Sue Hutchison, Senior VP & Head of Commercial Banking, BC Region - HSBC Bank Canada
- 2009 – Eleanor M. Joy, Associate Partner - PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
- 2008 – Elaine Reynolds, Principal - Legacy Tax + Trust Lawyers
- 2007 – Tamara Vrooman, Deputy Minister and Secretary to the Treasury Board - BC Ministry of Finance
- 2006 – Julia Kim, Vice President & Investment Counsellor - Phillips, Hager & North Investment Management Ltd.
- 2005 – Jane Peverett, President & CEO, BC Transmission Corp.
- 2004 – Rowena Liang, CIO & VP, IT - Vancity and CEO - Inventure Solutions
- 2003 – Stephanie Sharp, CEO & President, Ferax Capital Corp.

Thank you for your nomination.