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Bev Briscoe – Lifetime Achievement

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The Association of Women in Finance is proud to honour Beverley Briscoe with the 2018 PEAK Award for Lifetime Achievement.

Bev's career has been a consistent upward trajectory. After graduating from UBC in 1977, Bev worked with Coopers & Lybrand (now PwC) where she quickly rose through the ranks. Next, she turned to the corporate sector and worked as a Chief Financial Officer with several operating divisions of The Jim Pattison Group both in Canada and internationally. Soon after, Bev took on senior management roles in the heavy equipment industry, first as Chief Financial Officer of Rivotow Group of Companies and then as Vice President & General Manager of Wajax Industries Ltd. These positions led her to buying her own company, Hiway Refrigeration Ltd, which specializes in selling and servicing refrigeration equipment used in shipping.

Throughout her career, Bev has been a trailblazer. Her values of inclusiveness, integrity, open yet considered communication and client focus were novel and unexpected in the heavy equipment industry and quickly garnered Bev the respect of the industry and the business community as a whole. Bev is known for her values-driven leadership style, her fearless approach to problem solving, and her ability to bring together diverse groups to a strategically beneficial outcome.

In 2003, Bev sold Hiway Refrigeration Ltd and started her own consulting company. She was soon in high demand as a corporate director and has gone on to serve both as a director and as the chair of the many for-profit and non-profit boards. Bev is currently Lead Director and Vice-Chair of Goldcorp Inc. and Chair of the Board of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers.

Bev is a passionate advocate for women in leadership, a tremendous role model, and a supportive mentor. Very early in her career she made a commitment to serve her community by volunteering on non-profit boards, including Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Vancouver, Forum for Women Entrepreneurs, The Minerva Foundation and the VGH/UBC Hospital Foundation. Bev is particularly drawn to volunteer opportunities that support the advancement of women. In 2002, Bev assisted the Forum for Women Entrepreneurs in establishing its mentoring program and then served as a mentor for many years.

Please join us in celebrating Bev's accomplishments at the PEAK Awards Gala on May 9, 2018. Congratulations, Bev!