

CGA Ontario launches Grassroots Governance guide for non-profit sector

TORONTO, May 8 /CNW/ – Transparency and accountability are key factors to the success of non-profit organizations. Answering the call for a comprehensive reference tool for this sector, The Certified General Accountants of Ontario recently launched a new guide entitled Grassroots Governance: Governance and the Non-Profit Sector.

Good governance practices are important to every economic sector. For small volunteer-driven non-profits, however, good governance is up close and personal. “This booklet covers good governance basics in plain language as well as many of the issues volunteers frequently ask to have addressed,” says Michelle Causton, FCGA, author of the booklet.

Grassroots Governance provides a great starting point for volunteers and board members who want information on good governance for their grassroots organization. Chiefly, the booklet addresses the top issues facing volunteer boards of directors. These include the role of volunteers in good governance, ways to balance transparency and accountability, and how to guide the organization as it matures and grows.

“Non-profit organizations have a special need to uphold the public trust if they are to continue doing the good work that they do so well,” says Causton. “Along with larger, more formal organizations, non-profits need clear communications, transparent processes and people willing to be held accountable.”

Certified general accountants play a vital role in Ontario’s non-profit sector. They help ensure that these organizations, big or small are well run, and withstand public scrutiny. To order your free copy of Grassroots Governance, visit CGA Ontario’s website at www.cga-ontario.org.

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