

This past year has been a very exciting and eventful year for IPAC –PEI. Our local chapter has hosted 18 events from June 2010 to June 2011. IPAC-PEI had signature events as well as partnered with National Managers Community (NMC), Financial Management Institute (FMI), LINK-PEI (Youth Network), Human Resources Association of Nova Scotia and PEI (HRANS) on joint events.

Due to the size of the PEI Region our success has been through partnering and being a member of the Professional Development Organizations committee to ensure our events do not overlap with other networking events. This ensures we do not compete for the same audience if our events are too close together and also ensures we do not have similar topics. Another benefit of partnering is being able to offer dynamic speakers by cost-sharing with other organizations. This allows us to keep our costs low and still offer a discounted rate to IPAC members.

IPAC-PEI had a range of events including breakfast sessions, luncheons, evening mixers, baseball and golf networking events, awards presentations, half day and full day workshops. Attached is a summary of the IPAC-PEI events including the dates, topics and speakers. We had an average of 40-75 individuals at the various events throughout the year, with a peak number of 130 participants at our October event, Outlook. All events were successful and we received positive comments and feedback from attendees. Due to the Federal election being called this spring, our Speaker Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada was unable to attend our planned April 29th event. We had 4 week's notice so we were able to make the required cancellations and refund registration fees to individuals.

IPAC-PEI explored Social media for a few of our events by live tweeting with our ipacpei twitter account. We also utilized the online registration through our website for some of our recent events.

In the future we are partnering with FMI on a June 6th event, partnering with six other networks for 2 half day sessions on June 14th and 15th (one in Summerside and one in Charlottetown) as part of National Public Service Week "Be the Change" theme. IPAC-PEI also plans to host a Networking mixer on June 18th in partnership with NMC and LINK-PEI.

We have lots of events and opportunities planned for our IPAC members for 2011-2012. Our IPAC-PEI Regional group is looking forward to another successful year ahead.

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