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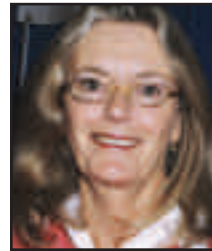
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Joint Efforts Reap Rewards

By Amanda Curtis, CAE

THE 13TH Annual Condominium Conference was held on November 6 and 7 and again resulted in very positive feedback from the record 778 members of the condo community who attended as delegates, exhibitors and sponsors. This annual ACMO/CCI Toronto & Area Chapter event has become a fixture on calendars and now draws attendees from as far away as Vancouver and St. John's.



Once again, the lion's share of the success of this conference must be attributed to the 68 speakers who spent considerable preparatory time in order to ensure that their presentations were of value to condominium managers and board directors. The support of over 200 members who provide a wide variety of services to condominiums was also very evident both by their participation in educational sessions and on the trade show floor. And last, but certainly not least, appreciation is extended to our conference partner Rogers Cable.

The Annual Condominium Conference is just one example of an ACMO/CCI-Toronto strategic alliance that enables our two associations to work together. Without an organization losing its own individuality, alliances are a way of partnering to achieve a common goal and reap the rewards of a team effort — and there is every indication that the efforts of our joint government relations committee will benefit the condo community as a whole. The greatly increased recognition and understanding of who we are and what we do by Ministers and their Advisors is enabling meaningful dialogue in a number of areas — including application of the HST as it applies to condominiums. This joint committee has also submitted a very comprehensive brief on the *Condominium Act*. While we may not win on all points, there are positive indicators that we are making a difference, and the outcome of representations will benefit the [Ontario] members of both ACMO and CCI.

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