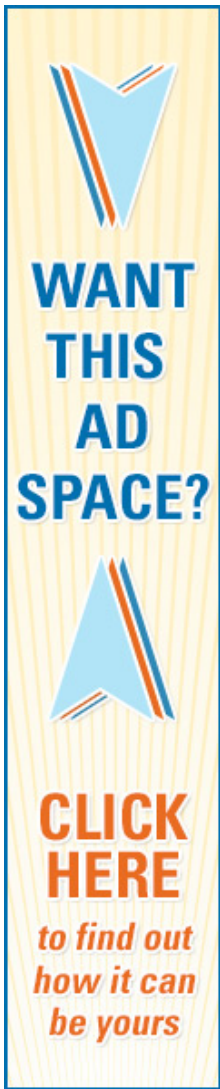


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Being a CIPS Director has provided me with the experience of how a Board of Directors conducts business and particularly membership concerns. This experience I would not have in my current paying job. Also a greater satisfaction to promote professionalism in the ICT community in Canada. And an increased awareness of the issues our members and non-members have in the workplace.

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Location: Metro Billiards - 10250 106 St NW, Edmonton

Start Time: 11/13/2013 6:00 PM

End Time: 11/13/2013 9:30 PM

Description: Come join CIPS Edmonton members, new and old, for a casual evening of networking at Metro Billiards (10250 106 St NW, Edmonton, AB T5J 1H7).

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Location: Calgary Petroleum Club (319 5 Ave SW)

Start Time: 11/14/2013 7:15 AM

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Speaker: Wade Walker

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