

Edmonton FMI Chapter - Results from 'Questions a la Carte' facilitation session					
A la Carte	Category	Question	Votes	Presenter	% of Total
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	What are the 3 biggest disruptors impacting public sector accounting in the next 5 years?	39	Larry	10.7%
3. Entrée	d. Standards	Do you agree with this statement (and why): 'The most important financial document in the public organizations is the budget with financial statements a very distant second'. How can CPA Alberta/Canada support the budget process and make the financial statements more relevant?	37		10.1%
4. New Recipes	e. Keeping Up	Have accountants embraced new markets within the sphere of practice? For example, should we be the experts in things like IT system controls, content and record management best practices or emerging technologies? If so, how can CPA Alberta re-tool/re-train public sector accountants in these new areas?	35		9.6%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	How can the public sector continue to be competitive in attracting and training CPAs?	32	Darwin / Roger	8.8%
4. New Recipes	e. Keeping Up	CPAs require 20 hours per annum of verifiable professional development and 120 hours over a rolling three years... huh, what exactly does this mean and what qualifies?	23		6.3%
5. The Kitchen	f. Systems & Process	Is auditing working in the Public Sector and how can its function be improved?	22		6.0%
3. Entrée	d. Standards	Are the current accounting standards serving the readers of government financial statements? How so and how can they be improved?	20	Dan	5.5%
3. Entrée	d. Standards	Is Activity Based Costing in the dead, is cost accounting and public service still a 'thing' and why?	17		4.7%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	Public sector organizations see themselves as competitors when it comes to new employees. Is there an opportunity to better cooperate to help recent graduates and new Canadians learn about a career in all levels of government (not to mention their agencies and affiliates); what would this cooperation look like?	15		4.1%
2. Salad (Days)	b. Personal	How has the CPA merger changed (if at all) the accounting firm's business?	15	Laura	4.1%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	What are the big three public sector accounting challenges (e.g. standards, technology, unique reporting requirements, complex procurement, etc.)/ How can CPA Alberta/Canada assist?	15		4.1%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	Is a CPA Training Office designation necessary or can an organization support students via other means?	14		3.8%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	How will CPA specialization affect future CPAs, what are its positives (e.g. better knowledge on a particular subject area) and its negatives (e.g. reduce mobility and diversity in a career)?	13		3.6%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	Is the CPA merger a good or bad thing for governments, public servants and citizens?	12		3.3%
5. Digestifs	g. Life after the Public Service	How well is the public sector in managing its alumni and how can CPA Alberta/Canada help?	8		2.2%
2. Salad (Days)	b. Personal	Is a multi-generational work place affecting you now, how can the public sector manage it and what role does CPA Alberta/Canada have in supporting members or organizations?	6		1.6%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	Post merger, what has changed for the public sector?	6		1.6%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	Public service accountants differ from the private sector and public practice colleagues in that there is almost no competition and considerable cooperation. How can CPA Canada/Alberta facilitate this unique relationship?	5		1.4%
4. New Recipes	e. Keeping Up	Both CPA Alberta and CPA Canada journals are good quality business magazines – but they no longer carry the practical articles of interest to accountants. What is the forum to publish and share this type of content? Public sector accountants can look to the FMI journal for this type of content, should CPA Alberta/Canada increase its collaboration with this journal?	5		1.4%
5. Digestifs	g. Life after the Public Service	Is there a role for CPA Alberta/Canada in helping retired accountants (public service and otherwise) in finding volunteer opportunities and what is this role?	5		1.4%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	What role can gamification have in developing future accountants both at the formal studies phases of their education and through work experience and articling?	4		1.1%
4. New Recipes	e. Keeping Up	Are there other organizations and resources which can be combined to create effective strategies and solutions to address disruption?	4		1.1%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	Public service is a very broad term; it suggests a homogeneous industry when the reality is very different. How can CPA Alberta/Canada help CPAs given this diversity? Where are the similarities and how can differences be bridged?	3		0.8%
3. Entrée	c. Strategy & Governance	What role should volunteer organizations such as FMI (and others, e.g. IPAC or GFAO) play in supporting CPA Alberta/Canada?	3		0.8%
5. The Kitchen	f. Systems & Process	How can consulting/accounting firms and CPA Alberta help the public service from re-inventing the wheel?	3		0.8%
1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	Is the value proposition in becoming a CPA different from the legacy designations and if so how, what has changed, what is better and what has been lost?	2		0.5%

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1. Starter	a. How to become or train CPAs.	Is there an opportunity for smaller governmental organizations to work with public practice firms to train future CPAs? How can such a partnership be scaled to larger organizations?	0		0.0%
2. Salad (Days)	b.Personal	Describe a day in your life and the role a CPA plays in that typical day. How has the merger personally affected you?	0		0.0%
2. Salad (Days)	b.Personal	When you are a small municipality, which cavalry can you call upon to assist? What role can CPA Alberta/Canada play in helping you?	0		0.0%
			Total (N)	365	
			Number of Questions	30	
			Number of 'Zero Vote' Questions	3	
			Average Votes per Questions	12.17	
			Average Votes per Questions	7	