

AMBA Conference Highlights

The 2009 Hollywood-themed AMBA conference, "a night at the AMBAs," was a big success for all the organizers and delegates. Here are some of the highlights of the event:

- CIBC economist Benjamin Tal, at a morning keynote address, said Alberta is going to lead the pack out of this recession based on its resource-heavy industry and relationships with China.
- The new board of directors was sworn in and include: Todd Fralic, president, Frank Hickey, past president, Dean Koeller, treasurer, and directors Gay Andrews, Indra Bains Ladha, Paul Bojakli, Kristen Linde, Pat Kelly Phil McDowell, David McKitrick and Renee Stribbell.
- Four awards, chosen by the board, were handed out at the black-tie gala. Ed Dooley received the lifetime achievement award, Gary Siegle, from Invis, received the president award, Brian Gentles, from Home n Work Mortgages received the ambassador award and Karen Blomquist, from Mortgage Intelligence received the executive award.

Congratulations to Karen Blomquist

Winner of the 2009 AMBA Executive Award

Hi everyone,

We are very pleased to report that our own **Karen Blomquist** captured the Executive Award at the Alberta Mortgage Broker Association's Annual Awards Night 2009, held in Calgary on Friday.

Karen was chosen for her "outstanding leadership potential in the mortgage industry."

As many of you know, Karen is one of our top brokers in Alberta at MI. An enthusiastic supporter of AMBA, she has also worked with the Calgary Real Estate Board to support the Crestwood Affordable Housing project in Calgary.

Karen is involved in a wide range of charities, including Breast Cancer Awareness, Inn from the Cold, The Boys & Girls Club of Canada, Juvenile Diabetes, AID Africa, the MS Society, the Heart & Stroke Foundation and does regular volunteer work with the Calgary Drop Inn Centre and Count the Homeless.

Please join us in congratulating Karen, a fantastic broker and an emerging leader in our industry