

Randy Swanson, Regional Coordinator for Western Canada – the Accounting Mentorship Program

For 16 years Randy was the Vice President of Aboriginal Services, and Forestry services at MNP. He recently stepped down from this role. He was considered a trusted and respected leader and mentor with over 30 years of experience developing effective long term working relationships with Aboriginal communities, and providing consultation and support on financial management, governance and leadership issues at local, regional and national levels.

He has experience working with large groups of people and representing the interests of businesses, boards, Bands and Councils, and is known for using creative approaches to resolve complex, difficult and sensitive issues. Randy is well connected to Aboriginal leaders, political leaders and stakeholders in Canada's business and Aboriginal communities. Some of the other positions Randy has held include: Independent trustee for four First Nation trusts including Mathias Colomb Cree Nation and Rolling River First Nation overseeing and administrating in excess of \$10,000,000, an original trustees of the \$ 300 million First Nation Market Housing Fund, Faculty head of the Aboriginal Leadership and Management Program at the Banff Centre for Management and a member of the Aboriginal Program Curriculum Council and Member of the Board of Directors of the University of Manitoba School Foundation Inc. (also known as The Associates, Asper School of Business).