

MORTGAGE INDUSTRY WELCOMES FIRST CMP MORTGAGE AWARDS WITH OPEN ARMS

Mortgage professionals from across the country gathered in Toronto on February 16 to celebrate the industry's successes at the inaugural CMP Canadian Mortgage Awards 2007.

Over 400 attendees enjoyed an evening of dinner and dancing at the black-tie gala awards night, while recognizing the achievements of their colleagues. The event was hosted by former CTV entertainment reporter and comedian, Carla Collins, and featured live entertainment from Julie Crochetiere, of the former girlband Sugar Jones, and stand-up comedian James Cunningham. The six-piece Dave Murphy Band ended off the night as attendees enjoyed cocktails and dancing.

British Columbians did their province proud at the awards, bringing home three top awards. These included:

The AIG United Guaranty Award for Best Newcomer (Mortgage Brokerage Company)
– Verico;

The AGF Trust Company Award for Mortgage Broker of the Year (Independent/Non Franchise)
– John Zieman;

The Macquarie Financial Award for Mortgage Broker of the Year (National Network)
– Garth Ellis.

Below is a complete list of finalists and winners:

THE GENWORTH FINANCIAL CANADA AWARD FOR BEST BRANDING

Invis
Monster Mortgage
The Mortgage Centre
Mortgage Intelligence *WINNER*
Northwood Mortgage Ltd

THE MGIC AWARD FOR BEST INTERNET PRESENCE

Dominion Lending Centres
Invis
Meridian Financial Services Ltd
MortgageBrokers.com
The Mortgage Centre
Mortgage Intelligence
True North Mortgage *WINNER*

THE RESMOR TRUST COMPANY AWARD FOR BEST ADVERTISING

Invis
Monster Mortgage *WINNER*
Mortgage Alliance
The Mortgage Centre
Mortgage Intelligence
Northwood Mortgage Ltd.

THE PMI CANADA AWARD FOR EMPLOYER OF CHOICE

Invis
HLC Home Loans Canada *WINNER*
Meridian Financial Services Ltd
Mortgage Alliance
The Mortgage Centre
Mortgage Intelligence

THE AIG UNITED GUARANTY AWARD FOR BEST NEWCOMER (MORTGAGE BROKERAGE COMPANY)

Dominion Lending Centres
MortgageBrokers.com
Mortgage Architects
Verico *WINNER*

THE MORTGAGE TRAINING GROUP AWARD FOR BEST NEWCOMER (INDIVIDUAL)

Scott Ede, Mortgage Alliance *WINNER*
Christos Gitsos, The Mortgage Centre (Mortgage Negotiators)
James Macleod, HLC Home Loans Canada
Ron Prefontaine, Canada Mortgage Direct
Gary Tagg, Centum

THE MERIX AWARD FOR BEST CUSTOMER SERVICE FROM AN INDIVIDUAL OFFICE

Monster Mortgage – Toronto, ON
The Mortgage Centre – Ottawa, ON (The Mortgage Source) *WINNER*
The Mortgage Centre – Kelowna, BC (Approved Mortgages)
Homeguard Funding Ltd – Newmarket, ON (Verico Broker Network)
Mortgage Intelligence – Belleville, ON

THE INTERBAY FUNDING CORP. AWARD FOR LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT IN THE MORTGAGE INDUSTRY

Bob Ord – Mortgage Architects
RECIPIENT

THE AGF TRUST COMPANY AWARD FOR MORTGAGE BROKER OF THE YEAR (INDEPENDENT/NON FRANCHISE)

Jeff Atlin, Abacus
Judy Benteau, Jencor
Michael Cameron, Integrity First
Gary Neumann, Niagara Regional Mortgage Services
John Zieman, Mortgage Depot *WINNER*

THE MACQUARIE FINANCIAL AWARD FOR MORTGAGE BROKER OF THE YEAR (NATIONAL NETWORK)

Shelley Black, Mortgage Alliance
Nelly Van Berlo, The Mortgage Centre
Angela Calla, Dominion Lending Centres
Garth Ellis, Verico *WINNER*
Tom Hogg, The Mortgage Centre
Peter House, Mortgage Intelligence
Peter Majthenyi, Mortgage Architects
Kevin Suddaby, Invis

THE CMHC AWARD FOR MORTGAGE BROKERAGE OF THE YEAR (INDEPENDENT/ NON FRANCHISE)

Acme Financial
Canada Mortgage Direct *WINNER*
Integrity First
Jencor
Macklem Mortgage Services Ltd
Monster Mortgage

THE GE MONEY AWARD FOR MORTGAGE BROKERAGE OF THE YEAR

Centum
HLC Home Loans Canada
Invis *WINNER*
Mortgage Alliance
The Mortgage Centre
Mortgage Intelligence
Verico

A complete coverage of the awards evening is featured in CMP 1.12, which mailed in late March.



Garth Ellis (photo left), winner of McQuarrie Financial Award for National Mortgage Broker of the Year



Shown above from left to right: Evanka Grant, Merix Financial; Boris Bozic, Merix Financial president; John Zieman's wife, Pat and John Zieman, winner of AGF Trust Company Award for Independent Broker of the Year.



Above from left to right: Colin Dryer and daughter Karla; Verico Financial Group, recipient of Best Newcomer Award presented here by Andrew Charles of AGF United Guaranty