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Peter Urs Bender – Recipient of Spirit of CAPS Award

On Friday, December 3, 2004, at the annual CAPS (Canadian Association of Professional Speakers) National Convention, Peter Urs Bender, CSP (Certified Speaking Professional), HoF (Member of the Canadian Speaking Hall of Fame) was awarded the prestigious Spirit of CAPS Award.

When the members of CAPS nominate an individual for any high honour – it is only to those most deserving! This past year the **CAPS** members got it right again! At the 2004 National **CAPS** Convention, long-standing member, Peter Urs Bender, CSP, HoF was honoured by his peers by being awarded the "*Spirit of CAPS*" Award.

"Peter overwhelmingly was nominated by both members and non-members alike to receive the "Spirit of CAPS" award. This is the highest honour that can be awarded to any member," says Rhonda Finniss, 2004 **CAPS** National President. Rhonda indicated that Peter is only the third individual to claim this coveted award.

In an emotional acceptance speech, Peter, via pre-recorded video, thanked all his friends, peers, and fellow **CAPS** members during the 2004 National Convention in Edmonton.

This award was made for Peter – as his plaque says "In recognition of your contribution to excellence in the speaking profession and your commitment to the ideals and values of the Canadian Association of Professional Speakers". This truly encompasses what Mr. Urs Bender is all about.

Peter has been involved in the speaking business for almost 20 years, is the author of 5 best sellers and truly has the 'spirit' of giving!

CAPS is the association for experts who speak professionally and others who work with and support the speaking business. Our members represent all aspects of the speaking business including keynoters, trainers and facilitators.

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