# **IVAN STEPHEN**

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# SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- \* Gained diverse experience, so effective on many types of projects.
- \* Learned strong skills with word processing, PDFs, spreadsheets, and Internet.
- \* Developed the ability to communicate complex ideas clearly and concisely.
- \* Detailed approach to projects, with strong spelling and grammatical skills.
- \* Discovered the spelling and grammatical variations between regional styles of English.

# **EDUCATION**

* B.Comm Hospitality and Tourism Management	University of Guelph	1985 - 1989
* Certificate - Public Relations	Ryerson University	1992 -1995
* Course - Curriculum Development	Niagara College	1995
* Seminars - Proofreading and Editing	Editors' Association of Canada	2014

#### **WORK EXPERIENCE**

## Self-employment and temporary office work

1992 - Present

- \* Collect market research information for numerous companies.
- \* Perform office work, often on complex and demanding projects.
- \* Promote wines, spirits and beers at retailers and trade shows.

### Sips Field Marketing, St. Catharines, ON

Owner

2005 - 2013

- \* Served Ontario's wine agents, wineries, and craft breweries.
- \* Evaluated and trained staff for promotion of wines, spirits and beers.
- \* Advised clients on LCBO and Beer Store promotional rules.

### Harrison Young Pesonen and Newell, Toronto, ON

Media buyer/planner

1990 - 1991

- \* Researched and recommended advertising options.
- \* Created and analyzed spreadsheets for budgetary purposes.

#### **Canadian Forces**

Administrative clerk

1977 - 1985

- \* Performed a wide range of administrative and financial duties.
- \* Posted to UN peacekeeping force and headquarter offices in Canada and Europe.

## OTHER INFORMATION

* Start Me Up Niagara, St. Catharines, ON	Volunteer board / public relations	2003 - 2009
* Garden City Toastmasters, St. Catharines, ON	Member (with a year on volunteer board)	1996 - 2011
* Ontario Wine Society, Toronto, ON	Volunteer board	1993 - 1999
* Arthritis Society, Mississauga, ON	Volunteer newsletter editor	1990 - 1993

- \* Canadian and British citizenship. Lived in Germany for four years. Conversant in French and German.
- \* Knowledgeable on many types of wine, beer and spirits.
- \* "The Wine Manual" textbook Read manuscript, provided requested feedback, and noted some errors.
- \* Well-read on food and drink, environmental and social issues, politics, history, business, and travel.
- \* Interests include wine and craft beer appreciation, many musical genres, fitness, travel, and skiing.