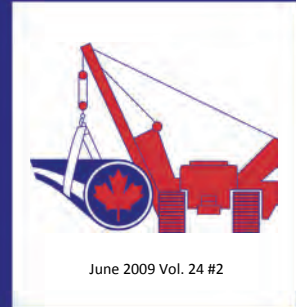


CANADIAN Pipeliners

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



SPECIAL 2009 CONVENTION ISSUE

Victoria B.C. April 26-30

The PLCAC's 55th annual convention was held at the historic Fairmont Empress Hotel located along Victoria BC's beautiful inner harbour. The convention welcomed two hundred and eighty attendees who enjoyed informative business sessions, fun activities and entertaining evening events.

Highlights included a traditional salmon barbeque and logging show, a M*A*S*H Bash themed around the hit 70's show and a Gala featuring the one-of-a-kind PreTenors. Optional activities included world famous Butchart Gardens, BC Ziplining, Ancient Forest and Cidery tour and a Pacific Yacht Adventure.

Mel Johnson of TransCanada spoke to the delegates on TransCanada's Alaska Pipeline Project. Bruce Vincent educated us on his program, **Provider Pals**, which is a highly motivational program that pairs young students with real people working in natural resource careers. And, Steve Donahue engaged us with his fascinating journey across the Sahara and how he applied lessons he learned to life.

Mark your calendars for next year's convention, June 6-10, St. John's Newfoundland.

Awards



Ted Shipka, President of Triple Random Inc., was awarded a Service Excellence award in recognition of many years of dedication and leadership as Chairman of the PLCAC Safety Committee.

The Jack Cressey Future Leader Award was awarded to Jeff Rasberry of Aecon Infrastructure. Teri McKibbon, C.E.O of Aecon Infrastructure, accepted the award on Jeff's behalf.



Teri McKibbon,
Aecon Infrastructure



The James L. Abraham Safety Awards were awarded to five PLCAC members for exemplary safety performance. See page 4.

PLCAC 2009-2010 board installed



Left to Right: Terrance L. McKibbon, President; Kevin W. Waschuk, 1st Vice President; Neil G. Lane, Assistant Executive Director; Edward L. Shipka, Immediate Past President; Donald A. Cusack, Director; Bernie G. Lailey, Associate Member Director; Michael R. Prior, Director; Richard J. Delaney, Director; Nick J. deKoning, 2nd Vice President; Barry Brown, Executive Director; David L. Kavanaugh, Treasurer; and David W. Johnstone, Director.

Missing: David M. Douglas, Associate Director.



2009 PLCAC Convention





Safety Awards

In 2008, the contractor members of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada reported over 7 million man hours worked on pipeline construction projects in Canada, the second highest level on record. This was achieved at a time when there was a critical shortage of skilled construction workers necessitating the aggressive recruitment and training of many first time workers.

During this period over 60% of the members recorded zero lost-time injuries. In addition, it was the lowest level of lost-time injuries ever recorded by the PLCAC members. The Association annually recognizes those contractor member companies who have distinguished themselves in respect to exemplary safety performance based on lowest lost-time accident frequency rates and safety records through the James L. Abraham Pipeline Construction Safety Awards Program.

The James L. Abraham Safety Awards winners for 2008 were:



Mainline: **Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd.**

Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category were Aecon Infrastructure Group, Michels Canada Company and Robert B. Somerville Co. Ltd.

Distribution: **Link-Line Contractors Ltd.** Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category were Aecon Infrastructure Group, Louisbourg Pipelines Inc. and T. W. Johnstone Company Limited.

Specialty Contractor, Transportation: **Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.**

Specialty Contractor Over 20,000 Man Hours Worked: **Robert B. Somerville Co. Ltd.** (Maintenance). Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category were Aecon Infrastructure Group; Louisbourg Pipelines Inc.; and Summit Pipeline Services Ltd.

Specialty Contractor Under 20,000 Man Hours Worked: **Michels Canada Company** (Horizontal Directional Drilling). Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category were Custom Carriers and Oilfield Hauling Ltd., Lafarge Canada Inc. and McCaw's Drilling & Blasting Ltd.

ACTION DATES

2009

14-18 September

International Pipe Line & Offshore
Contractors Association
43rd Annual Convention
Fairmont San Francisco
San Francisco CA
Contact: Juan Arzuaga
41 22 306 02 30
www.iploca.com

17-20 October

Australian Pipeline Industry
Association
41st Annual Convention
Cairns Convention Centre
Queensland, Australia
Contact: Steve Dobbie
(02) 6273-0577
www.apia.net.au

2010

20-22 January

Underground Construction
Technology (UCT)
Conference and Exhibition
San Antonio TX
Contact: Sheila Coats
281.558.7029
www.uctonline.com

17-21 February

Pipe Line Contractors
Association (US)
62nd Annual Convention
Hyatt Gainey Ranch
Scottsdale AZ
Contact: Pat Tielborg
214.969.2700
www.plca.org

23-28 February

Distribution Contractors
Association
49th Annual Convention
Fiesta Americana Grand
Los Cabos, Mexico
Contact: Dennis Kennedy
972.680.0261
www.dca-online.org

6-10 June

Pipe Line Contractors Association
of Canada
56th Annual Convention
Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland
St. John's NL
Contact: Barry Brown
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www.pipeline.ca

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