

CANADIAN Pipeliners

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The Future Looks Exciting



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The past year continued to be a busy one for members of the PLCAC. The mainline contractors completed the Canadian sections of the Alberta Clipper project across Saskatchewan and Manitoba and the TransCanada North Central Corridor project in northern Alberta. The distribution contractors continued to maintain their workload with only a slight decrease over the previous year.

Our 2009 man-hours were less than 5% off record breaking 2008. The industry's diligent effort put towards safety training resulted in a 27% reduction in lost time injuries over the previous year's results.

This year, and likely into the middle of 2011, there will be very little mainline pipeline construction in Canada. We also will see the volume of gas distribution work continue to decline in the southern Ontario market. This may change in 2012 as the global economies appear to be stabilizing, and the housing and commercial building markets once again expand.

There are some exciting projects on the horizon for the mainline contractors – such as TransCanada's Keystone XL, Enbridge's Northern Gateway, and Pacific Northern Gas' Pacific Trails Pipeline, not to mention the Mackenzie Valley Pipeline and the Alaska Highway Gas Pipeline. These are all huge undertakings that will utilize most, if not all, of Canada's mainline pipeline construction resources.

The PLCAC has had a very busy year working on a number of initiatives. The safety committee is currently addressing ground disturbance training, the updating of the PLCAC's safety video, alcohol and drug testing, and the possibility of offering the Professional Leadership Development Program as an on-line program through the auspices of the Construction Sector Council. The Workforce Attraction Project is an exciting venture from our association being completed with our union partners and the Alberta Government designed to encourage Canada's workforce to consider pipeline construction as a career.

Welcome to St. John's, and the 56th Annual Convention!

Pipeline Workforce Attraction Project

In April the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada, in concert with LIUNA, Teamsters, United Association, Operating Engineers and Alberta Government, completed a Pipeline Workforce Attraction Project. The initiative aims to bring the 'pipeline spread from the field' to the desktop, union hall, job fair exhibits, handheld devices (e.g., smart phones) and other places where the next generation of skilled workforce will source labour market information.

The project deliverables include DVD's with fast paced informative segments entitled: Introduction to Pipeline Construction, Transporting and Logistics, Craft Labour Tasking, Welding and Pipe Laying, Operating Equipment, and Unique Rewards. Other project deliverables include downloadable brochures and videos for use on iPhones® and other portable devices.

In light of changes to the nature and duration of pipeline construction spreads, project deliverables will also be used by stakeholders to help orient and inform current members on an 'as needed' basis about contemporary pipeline construction practices and work opportunities. To assure a realistic overview of pipeline craft labour and skilled trade roles, the four unions provided frontline pipeline construction expertise and guidance throughout the project's development.

DCA Executive Vice President Dennis Kennedy Retires



Dennis Kennedy, pictured here with his wife Regan, retired from the Distribution Contractors Association (US) earlier this year. Dennis has served as Executive Vice President of the DCA for over 20 years.

At the DCA convention in Los Cabos in February, Dennis was inducted as a DCA Honorary Member by the Board of Directors. At this time he was recognized as a strong leader that has

guided the DCA Association through economic cycles, membership expansion, financial growth and a period of rapid technological changes .

Both Dennis and Regan have been good friends of the PLCAC, attending our convention and making many Canadian friends.

The Kennedys are ready to enjoy their retirement in their new Hot Springs home in the Ouachita mountains of Arkansas. Happy retirement Dennis from all your Canadian friends!

Winners of the Cal Callahan PLCAC 2009 Bursary

The executive committee selected four students entering first year studies as recipients of the 2009 Cal Callahan Memorial Bursary. The four winners who each received bursaries from the Association are:

Daniel Bohuch, the son of Edward Bohuch, a sales manager for CRC Evans Canada is attending Grant MacEwan College in the Science Program studying towards an Engineering degree.

Nicole Dorie is the daughter of Telford Advent, superintendent at O.J. Pipelines Canada. Nicole is attending Lakehead University in the Kinesiology field studying in the 5 year Bachelor of Education Program.

David MacNeice is the son of Paul MacNeice, manager, Plant and Materials Division at Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited. David is studying at Carleton University in the Music and History Program.

Trevor Zahaiko is the son of Barry Kristalovich, who has worked for O.J. Pipelines Canada and Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. as an equipment operator. Trevor is studying at the University of Manitoba in the Engineering Program.



Academy Completes Alberta Clipper Fabrication

Out of their 35000 square foot facility located in Onoway, AB, Academy Fabricators fabricated roughly 9000 diameter inches of spools for stations located in Hardisty AB, Kerrobert SK and Mildren SK.

PLCAC Convention 2011

Mark your calendar. The dates for the 2011 PLCAC convention have been set. The convention will be held in Maui, Hawaii at the Hyatt Maui on Kaanapali Beach from April 11 to April 15.

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CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to St. John's

June 6 -10, 2010

Sheraton Hotel Newfoundland

Convention Activities

We're off to the quaint, unique city of St. John's for our 2010 convention and the program is packed full of enjoyable, exciting activities and events.

The "Häagar the Horrible" golf tournament will take place on Monday at Clovelly Golf Club, a course surrounded by trees, wetlands and duck ponds. Our welcome party, "A Scoff, A Scuff and a Swalley" on Monday evening will kick off the convention.

The business sessions on Tuesday through Thursday will feature engaging speakers, with plenty of informative and inspirational information for all. Both delegates and their companions are encouraged to attend. Each morning, breakfast will be served up with entertainment and fun-filled presentations, and the afternoons hold a variety of things to keep everyone busy including tours of the city and the surrounding area, a sea cave exploration, a rock and cultural experience, and a Taste of Newfoundland.

Tuesday night "Rally in the Alley" pub crawl promises to be a blast as pipers, drummers and fifiers usher you from pub to pub along the famous George Street and, on Wednesday, the evening will come alive with characters when all delegates come in costume for the "Screechin' on the Rock" theme party. The first class entertainment at the Gala Banquet on Thursday night will wrap up the 56th Annual Convention.

Convention Speakers

The Hon. Brian Tobin, our AGM speaker, served from 1996 to 2000 as premier of Newfoundland. Following that, Mr. Tobin was Federal Minister of Industry for two years. He served as a Member of Parliament from 1980 to 1996 and was Minister of Fisheries and Oceans from 1993 to 1996. One of Canada's best known political figures, his passion for Canada and colourful style have made him one of the country's most popular speakers.

Our Wednesday speaker will be **Rex Murphy**. Rex is a stimulating speaker, accomplished storyteller, and knows what makes Canadians tick. Canadians tune into "The National" on CTV Television, his weekly CBC radio show, and read his column in "The National Post", to experience his witty intellect and profound insight into issues affecting Canadians. Rex, who routinely gets a standing ovation from his audience, promises to be a invigorating and entertaining speaker.

Dr. TA Loeffler, our Thursday speaker, is a Professor of Outdoor Recreation at Memorial University of Newfoundland with a reputation for excellence in experiential education. Leading people through significant life-changing experiences, she brings her 20 years of expertise, to every facet of her work. TA is attempting to scale "The Seven Summits," the highest peaks on each of the seven continents and has only one left to complete. TA uses strength training, running, biking, yoga, cycling and step aerobics to prepare for her expeditions. As a professor, filmmaker, writer and motivational speaker, she inspires hope, possibility, and vision in those whose lives she touches.



St. John's Newfoundland & Labrador



Brian Tobin



Rex Murphy



TA Loeffler



Iceberg off Cape Spear



New PLCAC Members



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UA "pre-qualifies" Welders

United Association Local Union 663 in Sarnia and the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada have been working with Union Gas on an initiative to improve efficiency and reduce costs by pre-qualifying welders. The program involves training and testing in accordance with Union Gas Standards and Procedures such that "Union Gas qualified" welders are available and ready to react quickly to the dynamics of project labour demands.

ACTION DATES

2010

September 1- 4

Australian Pipeline Industry Association

42nd Annual Convention
Darwin Convention Centre
Darwin, Australia
Contact: Steve Dobbie
(02) 6273-0577
apia.net.au

September 27-October 1

International Pipeline & Offshore Contractors Association

44th Annual Convention
Hilton Molino Stucky Venice
Venice Italy
Contact: Juan Arzuaga
41 22 306 02 30
iploca.com

September 27-October 1

International Pipeline Conference

Telus Convention Centre
Calgary AB
Contact: Linda Abercrombie
403.228.6374
internationalpipelineconference.com

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January 25-27

Underground Construction Technology

George R. Brown
Convention Center
Houston TX
Contact: Karen Francis
281.558.6930
uctonline.com

22-26 February

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)

63rd Annual Convention
Ritz Carlton
Kapalua HI
Contact: Pat Tielborg
214.969.2700
plca.org

1-6 March

Distribution Contractors Association

49th Annual Convention
El Conquistador Resort & Spa
Los Croabas, Puerto Rico
Contact: Robert Darden
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