

# CANADIAN Pipeliner

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

### An exciting time for us!

Last year was a banner year for Canada's distribution and mainline pipeline construction sectors. We saw a TEN-FOLD increase to the mainline construction volume over 2005. Our transmission pipeline capacity needs expansion, so there should be some good years ahead for the industry.

Despite warnings that the gas distribution sector will be weakening due to a cooling off in the residential construction market in southern Ontario, it hasn't happened so far.

To meet the future needs of the pipeline construction industry, we are training new workers, developing new construction techniques, producing new equipment and forming new alliances.

It's an exciting time for Canadian pipeliners. The best place to get the lowdown on what is going on in our industry is at our convention. The contractors and their suppliers will be there, sharing information, making friends and getting ideas. The speakers are excellent, the camaraderie is infectious and the networking is priceless.

See you in Niagara Falls in May!

David W. Johnstone



### U.S. body elects Leone as president for 2007

PLCAC's president, David Johnstone, congratulates W.A. "Bill" Leone on his election as the 2007 president of the Pipe Line Contractors Association (U.S.) at its 59th convention held last month at Aventura, Florida.

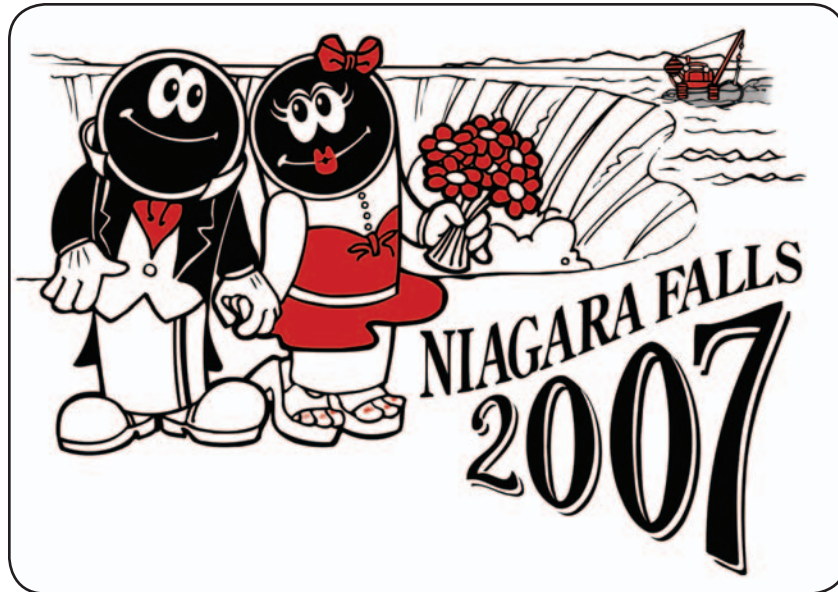
Bill is president of Delta Gulf Corporation, a mainline pipeline contractor from Shreveport, LA. Other elected officers were: 1st vice president, Robert Johnston of Henkels & McCoy Inc.; 2nd vice president, Don Thorn of Welded Construction L.P.; treasurer, Brian Ganske of Snelson Companies Inc.

At the 46th convention of the Distribution Contractors Association held late January at Paradise Island, Bahamas, Christopher Leines, president of Minnesota Limited, Inc. was elected president for 2007. New vice-president was Anthony Deussenbery; treasurer, Shepard Poole.

# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE

53rd ANNUAL CONVENTION

## MAY 13-17



### MONDAY, 14 MAY

11.15 am  
Golfers leave hotel for the  
Niagara Golf Club

11.30 am to 12.30 pm  
Golfers' Lunch

### 12.30 pm to 5.30 pm 50th Annual Golf Tournament

(pre-registration required)



7.00 pm - 8.30 pm  
Welcome reception  
(all delegates)

### TUESDAY, 15 MAY

### 9.00 am - 10.30 pm Annual General Meeting



### David MacInnis

President of Canadian  
Energy Pipeline Association,  
will be offering an insight  
into the North American  
demand for energy and the  
capacity expansion plans of

the major pipeline  
transmission companies in  
Canada.

### 11.30 am - 3.30 pm

#### Tour #1

#### Locks and Lunch

(pre-registration required)  
Includes a visit to the  
Welland Canal Interpretive  
Centre, lunch at Niagara-on-  
the-Lake. \$65 (US \$59).

### 11.30 am - 4.00 pm

#### Tour #2

#### Drills and Thrills

(pre-registration required)  
Includes a coach trip up  
the Niagara Parkway to Fort  
George at Niagara-on-the-  
Lake, then on to the Niagara  
River for a jet boat ride to the  
rapids and gorge.  
\$130 (US 118).

**7.00 pm - 10.00 pm**  
**1812 Garrison Dinner**

(all delegates)  
An evening of hilarity arranged by the Commanding Officer of the British Regiment especially for PLCAC delegates. This event will be held at the Table Rock Restaurant overlooking the Horseshoe Falls. A shuttle bus will be operating to and from the hotel all evening.

**WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY**  
**9.00 am - 10.30 am**  
**Executive Development Session**

(all delegates)



**Stephen Lewis**  
former Canadian Ambassador to the UN and Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa, is a passionate spokesman leading the fight for support of the women in sub-Saharan Africa living with AIDS and especially for the grandmothers that are sustaining entire communities of children orphaned by AIDS.

**11.30 am - 4.00 pm**  
**Tour #3**

**Gorgeous Gorge**  
(pre-registration required)  
Includes a coach tour to Queenston Heights, site of the 1812 battle between the British and the Americans. Lunch at the Queenston Heights Restaurant followed by a ride across the Whirlpool in the Spanish Areocar, a walk along the White Water Walk and a visit to the Floral Clock.  
The tour ends with a trip on the famous Maid of the Mist to right below the Horseshoe Falls.  
\$95 (US\$86).

**11.30 am - 3.30 pm**  
**Tour #4**

**Wine and Country**  
(pre-registration required)  
Enjoy the vineyards of the Niagara Peninsula with wine-tasting and lunch at an area winery. Visit Laura Secord House and take a tour of the Adam Beck Generating Station. \$75 (US\$68).

**7.00 pm - 11.30 pm**  
**Famous Pairs Theme Party**

(all delegates)  
An opportunity for you and your companion to dress up as a famous pair or any 'pair' you can think of. A fabulous evening, great food, drink and entertainment, plus a few surprises.

**THURSDAY, 17 MAY**  
**9.00 am - 10.30 am**  
**General Business Session**  
(all delegates)



**Dr. David Posen**  
has devoted much of his life to helping people reduce stress. Everyone will benefit from his presentation on the work-life balancing act and how to set boundaries and limits.

**11.30 am - 4.00 pm**  
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**Drills and Thrills**  
(See Tuesday for description.)

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**Tour #3**  
**Gorgeous Gorge**  
(See Wednesday for description.)

**6.30 pm - 7.30 pm**  
**Gala Reception**  
(all delegates)  
This is the final reception and your last chance to mingle with all the wonderful folks you have met over the past four days, exchanging business cards and promises to meeting again in Hawaii at the 2008 convention.

**7.30 pm - 11.30 pm**  
**Gala Banquet**  
(all delegates)

## Waschuk completes first spread of Corridor project for Kinder-Morgan

The 78km. loop of the Corridor project, north of Fort McMurray, called Albion Sands, is now finished, as well as a 24km section that was part of loop B.

Kevin Waschuk, the company's vice-president, says it is moving on to loop D, a 141km section at Boyle, AB, that is scheduled for completion at the end of October.

He anticipates a start on loop B south of Fort McMurray in the fall and completing the whole project by the end of March 2008.

### OBITUARY:

## Leslie E. Shaw 1927-2007

While still in his late 20's, working for the family's construction business in Sarnia, Les Shaw saw the expansion of the pipeline and petrochemical industries in southern Ontario and had a dream of building a world-class pipe coating operation. He led the company's expansion into pipeline contracting and specifically, its work in precoating of pipe before shipment, that led, in 1958, to the formation of Shaw Pipe Protection Ltd. That company grew over the years, becoming the largest operation providing pipecoating and related operations in the world, now known to the world pipeline industry as ShawCor.

Les was a strong supporter of the PLCAC who gave freely of his time to its various committees.

## Robert B. Somerville in a joint venture for Enbridge

Starting in June, a joint venture between Somerville and Techint gets underway in the Waupisoo area between Fort McMurray and Edmonton.

Nick De Koning, Somerville's president, says the 30in. pipeline will total 210km and consist of two spreads designated B and C.

Construction will take place through the summer, fall and winter, and be completed by April, 2008.

### ACTION DATES

#### 2007

##### 13-17 MAY

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada  
53rd Annual Convention  
Niagara Falls Casino Resort  
Niagara Falls, ON  
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##### 1-5 OCTOBER

International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association  
41st Annual Convention  
Sheraton on the Park  
Sydney, Australia  
Contact: Luc Henriod  
Geneva, Switzerland  
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#### 2008

##### 12-18 FEBRUARY

Distribution Contractors Association  
47th Annual Convention  
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort  
Indian Wells, CA  
Contact: Dennis Kennedy  
Richardson, TX  
972.680.0261

##### 20-24 FEBRUARY

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)  
60th Annual Convention  
The Ritz Carlton  
Kapalua, Maui, HI  
Contact: Pat Tielborg  
Dallas, TX  
214.969.2700 www.plca.org

## RMS Welding Systems set up at Camrose AB

Peter Barkman of RMS Welding advises that its double-jointing operation presently working for Kinder Morgan Canada for the 42-in Corridor Expansion project and the 36-in Trans Mountain Expansion project is still on-going. Started in August of last year, it is scheduled for completion next January. RMS Welding Systems is a division of O.J. Pipelines Canada, Nisku, AB.

## 2006 Bursary Winners

The executive committee selected two students entering first year studies as recipients of the 2006 Cal Callahan Memorial Bursary. The two winners selected, who each received \$3,000 bursaries from the association are:



**SARA BOHUCH**

daughter of Ed Bohuch, vice president, Rocky Mountain Pipe Equipment Inc. She is attending the University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB in the General Arts program.



**RENEE POITRAS**

daughter of Lyne Poitras, office administrator, Consbec Inc. She is attending the Universite de Moncton, Moncton, NB, studying mathematics.

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