

## New regular members

PLCAC's board of directors has approved the applications of the following companies as regular members of the association.

Comstock Canada Ltd., 3455 Landmark Road, Burlington, ON. L7M 1T4. 905.335.3333; Fax: 905.335.5072.

The company is led by Geoffrey W. Birkbeck, CEO. Robert Quinn is the company's president and COO and Barry Welsh is its CFO.

An office has been opened in Edmonton at Suite 1860, 10180 101st Street, T5J 3S4. The telephone number is 780.732.1899.

PipeX Inc. located at #124, 215 Blackburne Dr.E., Edmonton, AB T6W 1B9, with 26 years background in pipeline construction, is led by Lucien A. Bleau, president and general manager. It can be reached at 780.414.1221, Fax: 780.440.0032.

Southeast Directional Drilling, Inc. that has been in business for the past four years, is located at 2323 South Hardy Drive, Tempe, AZ 85282. Tel.: 480.222.4440; Fax: 480.222.4443.

Steve Ugrich is the company president.

Testco Western Corp., offers pipeline testing and maintenance from its Calgary office at Bankers Hall, West Tower. Suite 1000, 888 - 3rd St. SW TCP 5C5. President is PLCAC stalwart, Lyall Nash. He can be

## ACTION DATES

### 2006

#### 24-29 SEPTEMBER

International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association  
40th Annual Convention  
Hotel Arts Barcelona  
Barcelona, Spain  
Contact: Luc Henriod  
Geneva, Switzerland  
+41-22-306-0230 www.iploca.com

#### 25-29 SEPTEMBER

The International Pipeline Conference  
The Hyatt Regency, Calgary, AB  
Contact: www.InternationalPipelineConference.com

#### 26-28 SEPTEMBER

The International Pipeline Exposition  
The TELUS Convention Centre,  
Calgary, AB  
Contact: www.petroleumshow.com

reached at 403.444.6874; Fax: 403.668.6001.

Another PLCAC stalwart, E.L. (Ted) Shipka, with over 30 years in the pipeline business, is also functioning at his new business, Triple Random Inc., at 680, 10180 101 Street, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3S4. Its specialty is stringing. Ted can be reached at 780.425.1001; Fax: 780.425.1910.

#### Banister underway with contract for Union Gas

Word from Banister's president, Jim Topping, is that two loops of 48in. are being built at Strathroy and Milton, ON.

The project totals 35km and completion is scheduled for September.

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The company supplies anti-corrosion coatings.

Yves Sicotte, vice-president sales and marketing, is the representative for PowerTech Canada Inc. of 480 Fernand-Poitras, Terrebonne, Quebec J6Y 1Y4, Contact him at 450.963.6400.

The company supplies percussion buckets and compaction breakers.

Bill Cummins, the territory manager, is at 119 Sirocco Place SW, Calgary. Tel.: 403.663.9377.

Veco Canada Ltd. is a Calgary, AB company located at 1200 401-9 Ave. SW, T2P 3C5. It has provided engineering, procurement construction management for pipeline systems for the past 38 years. It can be reached at 403.232.9800; Fax: 403.232.9840.

The company's officials are: Rene Massinon, president and general manager; Tom Martin, Rob Estep, and Gerry Leipert, all senior vice-presidents.

#### Louisbourg working on TCPL project

TranCanada PipeLines has awarded a contract to Louisbourg Pipelines Inc. of Mississauga, ON. to build two loops in the Ottawa area. One is at Stittsville for 20 km. and the other at Mattawa for 18 km. Both are 42 in. Completion is scheduled for 1 October.



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## Johnstone elected new PLCAC president



The PLCAC has elected David W. Johnstone, president of T.W. Johnstone Co., Ltd., of London, ON, as its president for the 2006-2007 term. Michael Prior, vice president and general manager of Michels Canada of Nisku, AB, was elected vice president, Edward L. Shipka, president of Triple Random Inc. of Edmonton, AB, was elected 2nd vice president and Terrance L. McKibbon, president of Aecon Civil & Utilities of Toronto, ON, was elected treasurer.

Directors of the association for 2006-2007 are Nick J. de Koning, president of Robert B. Somerville of King City, ON; Peter F. Thompson, president of O.J. Pipelines Canada of Nisku, AB; James S. Topping, president of Banister Pipelines of Edmonton, AB; associate member directors: David Douglas, manager, Canadian pipeline division of Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (Canada) Ltd.; Neil G. Lane, corporate business manager of John Deere Limited of Grimsby, ON; and executive director, Barry L. Brown.



Seated (l-r) Edward L. Shipka, Michael R. Prior, David W. Johnstone, Terrance L. McKibbon. Standing (l-r) Kevin W. Waschuk, Nick J. de Koning, James S. Topping, Peter F. Thompson, David Douglas, Neil G. Lane, Barry L. Brown.

## Standing committees

The Board of Directors approved the appointments of representatives to chair the association's standing committees for 2006-2007. They are: Convention Committee, Neil Lane; Education and Training Committee, Nick de Koning; Equipment Rental Committee, Peter Thompson; Membership and Promotion Committee, Mike Prior; Legislative Committee, Kevin Waschuk; National Labour Relations Committee, Jim Topping; Pipeline Standards Committee, Mike Prior; Safety Committee, Ted Shipka.

## President sees exciting future

After quoting dismal statistics on the volume of mainline pipeline work available to PLCAC members over the last four years, PLCAC president Peter Thompson reported to the delegates to the 52nd annual general meeting that the distribution sector of the industry continued to show its strength and helped the financial position of the Association. He reported that we saw an upturn in the mainline construction cycle late last fall and forecast that the dire

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Peter F. Thompson

times are coming to an end, describing several projects being proposed for the next few years that will carry the Canadian mainline pipeline construction industry into a period of work activity that has not been seen for over three decades.

They include numerous projects to increase the pipeline capacity from the various new oilsands plants and expansions currently underway or proposed in the Fort McMurray region of Alberta to carry oil to Edmonton and then on to Canada's west coast and the US midwest.

"In addition to the Gateway project being planned by Enbridge to ship oil from Edmonton to Kitimat, we heard earlier this morning from Mike Horner that Kinder Morgan is proceeding with an application to loop the existing Trans Mountain Pipeline system from Edmonton to Burnaby, BC," said Thompson.

He described Enbridge's plans for a second 36 inch pipeline to ship oil from Edmonton to the US midwest and TransCanada PipeLine's plans for the conversion of one of its existing gas pipelines to oil to feed the US Midwest with Alberta oil.

On the east coast, permits are in the process of being approved for LNG terminals in Port Hawkesbury, NS and Saint John, NB. Maritimes & Northeast Pipeline has plans to expand its system if either plant is built.

He reported that some progress is being made on the Mackenzie Gas project. It is at the public hearing stage with a Joint Review Panel visiting communities in the Northwest Territories. "We remain confident that this project will eventually become a reality." Thompson said he believes the Alaska Gas project is also making progress although it is still some years before construction will start.

These various projects on the drawing boards "have the potential of creating a mainline construction program exceeding 20 billion dollars over the next decade." He expects this increased workload will put pressure on the labor supply, but advised that PLCAC and its union partners have been proactive to anticipate labor shortages and have plans to build the capacity for the future. "We are proud of the men and women in our industry and the top quality of the work they do - the stringent safety standards to which they adhere - and the high level of skills they bring to the job," said Thompson. "We must all work together to ensure we maintain an adequate supply of these valuable men and women."

In his annual report to the members, Thompson reviewed some of the work of the PLCAC over the past year, including the successful renewal by the mainline negotiating committee of the terms and conditions of the four Mainline Pipeline Agreements for Canada for the period from 1 May 2007 through to 30 April 2010.

The PLCAC's Cal Callahan Memorial Bursary awarded a total of \$6,000 to three students entering first-year studies at Canadian universities, bringing the total to 86 students that have received assistance since the bursary program was established in 1974. The Safety Committee concluded its work with the Construction Sector Council on the development of a national computer-based health and safety training program for pipeline construction workers. The aim is to have all employees working in Canada to have completed the program before starting work. Thompson concluded: "The members of our association have been pipelining in Canada for over half a century in some of the world's most hostile environments, in extremely rough terrain and under merciless climatic conditions, but we are excited about our future. The next decade will be a busy one for the Canadian pipeline industry and we know we are up to the task."

Associate members named Coneco Equipment, a division of KCL West Holdings Inc. is located at 16116-111 Avenue, Edmonton, AB. T5M 2S1. It can be reached at 780.451.2630; Fax: 780.451.2646.

Kelly Scott is the company's president; Michael Kozak is VP Finance; Dave Liptrot is its Calgary branch manager, located at 3320-50 Avenue S.E. T2B 3J4. The company sells dozers, excavators and pipelayers.

A new associate member is Denso North America Inc. at #12 - 90 Ironside Crescent, Toronto, ON M1X 1M3. J.R. Pepin, the general manager, can be reached at 416.291.3435; Fax: 416.291.0898.

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## Ternan recognized for outstanding service



At the recent convention held at Edmonton, the Association presented Mel Ternan, president of PipeLine Machinery International with an award recognizing his ser-

vice to the association over the past 12 years. He became involved with PLCAC in the eighties and began working on the convention committee in the early nineties. Following his election to the board of directors, he became chairman of the convention committee.

In his work as a director, he was always willing to tackle difficult issues, using his knowledge of the industry and offering his expertise and management skills that proved invaluable to the board.

It was his work as chairman of the convention commit-

tee that made him known to a broader audience in the association. He was always present to make announcements, introduce guests and speakers, chair meetings and thank sponsors. Behind the scenes he gave countless hours planning and organizing to make sure the conventions were well-run and enjoyable for all delegates. The board of directors presented the Outstanding Service Award to Mel Ternan for his ten years of service to the board of directors and his twelve years of leadership on the convention committee.

## Winners of the James L. Abraham Pipeline Construction Safety Awards Program

There is no more important event at our annual convention than the naming of the winners of the Safety Awards Program, that honors one of our best loved and respected presidents.

No segment of the Canadian construction industry has taken the safety of workers to heart more than the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada. The program awards are based on the lowest lost-time accident frequency rates in these categories:

- Mainline - 50,000 and over manhours worked;
- Distribution - 20,000 and over manhours worked;
- Specialty Contractor (transportation)- 20,000 and over manhours worked;
- Specialty Contractor (other) - over 20,000 manhours worked;
- Specialty Contractor (other) - under 20,000 manhours worked.

Announcing the winners, Ted Shipka, chairman, Safety Committee, pointed out that due to the manhours threshold not being met

in two categories - the Mainline's 50,000 manhours and the Specialty Contractors (Transportation) 20,000 and over manhours, no award winners could be made. In the category of Distribution - 20,000 and over manhours worked, the award was made to Aecon Civil & Utilities.



Accepted by Teri McKibbon, president.

In the category of Specialty Contractor (other) Maintenance - over 20,000 manhours worked,

the award was made to Louisbourg Pipelines. Accepted by Flo Slugoski, superintendent.



In the category of Specialty Contractors (other) Directional drilling - under 20,000 manhours worked, the award was made to Michels Directional Crossings Co. Accepted by Mike Prior, vice president and general manager.

