

CANADIAN Pipeliners

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

A promising year ahead for the industry

I am honored to have been elected your president for the coming year. I am following in the footsteps of people who have shaped our industry in Canada and will do my best to maintain the standards they have set. Another great convention is behind us, thanks to the Association's staff, the convention committee members and a host of volunteers. The venue was fabulous, the views expressed were incredible, the program was excellent and I trust, the casino was kind to everyone!

The year ahead for pipeline construction looks promising. Some big jobs are underway this summer and contracts have been awarded for the winter, next summer and beyond. As well, other work is out for tender with expectations for high volumes in 2008 and 2009.

There are challenges ahead - the enormous volume of work underway in the U.S. and around the world is driving up costs for equipment and materials, and here at home labor shortages continue, resulting in upward pressure on labor costs.

Despite these challenges, the future is positive, a far cry from the situation that we have endured for the past five years. May I wish you success and I trust you will continue to support our Associate members who have stood by the PLCAC for the past 54 years through the good times and some not-so-good times.



Michael R. Prior

New Board of Directors

At the 53rd annual convention of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada, held at Niagara Falls, Ontario, the following members were elected to the Board of Directors:

President: Michael R. (Mike) Prior, vice president and general manager, Michels Canada Co., Nisku, AB;

1st Vice President: Edward L. (Ted) Shipka, president, Triple Random Inc., Edmonton, AB;

2nd Vice President: Terrance L. (Teri) McKibbin, president, Aecon Civil & Utilities, Toronto, ON;

Treasurer: Kevin W. Waschuk, vice president, Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd., Red Deer, AB;

Immediate Past President & Director: David W. Johnstone, president, T.W. Johnstone Co., Ltd., London, ON;

Executive Director: Barry L. Brown, Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada, Oakville, ON;

DIRECTORS:

Nick J. De Koning, president, Robert B. Somerville, King City, ON;

Peter F. Thompson, vice president, OJ Pipelines Canada, Nisku, AB;

James S. (Jim) Topping, vice president, Banister Pipeline, Edmonton, AB;

David M. Douglas, manager, Canadian Pipeline Division, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (Canada) Nisku, AB;

Neil G. Lane, Corporate Business Manager, John Deere Limited, Grimsby, ON.

A new direction for PLCAC?

The Board of Directors has engaged the services of Association Resource Consultants Inc. of Ottawa to conduct a member needs analysis survey to determine the future direction of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada over the next decade.

The results will be used to determine those issues of most importance to the membership, the future location of its head office, the selection of the proper individuals to lead and accomplish the goals.

The survey is being distributed to the membership during July.

Alberta to conduct a labor market analysis and training strategy

With a grant from the province's Employment, Immigration and Industry, the four pipeline craft unions and the Association, with input from Alberta's aboriginal groups, is completing a labor market analysis and training strategy to identify skill shortages. Subsequently, the strategy will be used to train needed workers.

With the large volume of pipelines planned for the province in the next few years, it is of concern whether there will be enough workers with the requisite skills.

Cressy awards for Kilgour and Serre

At the 53rd annual convention the Association presented plaques to Dean Kilgour of Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. and Jerrod Serre of Aecon Civil & Utilities for their commitment and the examples they demonstrated to fellow employees.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 53rd CONVENTION OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA NIAGARA FALLS ONTARIO



Michael R. Prior of Michels Canada Co. was installed as the 2007-08 president by the outgoing president, David W. Johnstone.



Popeye and Olive Oyl enjoy the "Famous Pairs" event.



Winners of the 2007 Golf Tournament were Mark and Lori William and Craig and Molly Benfield.



At the Garrison dinner, held at the Table Rock Restaurant, delegates were entertained by the officers and soldiers of the 1812 British Garrison.



A group of delegates behind the Falls.



KYLE KEITH

This director of operations of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) advised delegates on the upcoming work planned by his Association across Canada for the next few years.

THE SPEAKERS



STEPHEN LEWIS

His impassioned address on the plight of women of sub-Saharan Africa who are facing the challenges of coping with the AIDS/HIV pandemic sweeping across the continent, made an indelible impression on our delegates.



DR. DAVID POSEN

During his talk on Life-Work Balance, this speaker offered numerous suggestions to an appreciative audience on dealing with stress in business and personal life.



Imagination was the by-word for the "Famous Pairs" costume night. Raggedy Andy (Dan Macholan) presented Robin Hood (David Johnstone) with a souvenir of his year as president.

Golfers participating in the ever popular Annual Golf Tournament at Legends on the Niagara Golf Course were assured a never-ending supply of refreshments by Fred and Wilma Flintstone (Dave and Coleen Douglas).



Waschuk on target for fall completion of Loop D

Kevin Waschuk, the company's vice-president, reports the 141 km section of its Corridor project for Kinder-Morgan, designated as loop D, located at Boyle, AB, is on schedule.

In the fall, Waschuk will start on loop B south of Fort McMurray and aims for completion by the end of the first quarter of 2008.

Techint/Somerville project at Waupisoo now underway

From its field office at Redwater, AB, Jack Cantwell, the field administrator, reports that Spread C got underway in June.

This joint venture project for Enbridge Pipelines (Athabasca) Inc. is about 210 km of 30 in.

Spread B is scheduled for a January 2008 start with completion in April.

Associate members elected

Lakeside Heavy Equipment Ltd. (LHE Ditch) of RR3, Wetaskiwin, AB. T9A 1X1 Tel.: 780.352.4687; Fax: 780.352.4681.

The company specializes in rock trenching via mechanical excavation.

Jay Cridland is the president, Lori Cridland is a director.

Terex Reedrill is located at 2555 Maley Drive, Sudbury, ON P3A 4R7.

Tel.: 705.524.5000; Fax: 705.524.5111.

Jim Laroche is the regional manager, Lana Hynes is the marketing administrator.

Iron Planet is a California company that auctions construction equipment on line through ironplanet.com It can be reached in Canada through Charmaine Greer territory manager at 905.690.1623; Fax: 905.690.2375.

New regular member

Techint E & C Inc., a company with 100 per cent involvement in mainline pipeline construction, has joined PLCAC.

Headed by Juan Arzuaga, managing director, it is located at 310 Main Street East, #102, Milton, ON L9T 1P4. Tel.: 905.361.6676.

Mike McNaney is the operations director and Jim Clancy, the financial director.

Link-Line Group of Companies, a company with a decade of mainline and distribution pipeline construction background, recently joined PLCAC. Its chief executive officer is David Civiero, its president is Rick Delaney and Neil Waugh is the vice-president, operations.

The company is located at 1625 Shawson Drive, Mississauga, ON L4W 1&7. Tel.: 905.696.6929; Fax: 905.696.0486.

Louisbourg readies for fall start on Brunswick project

Kevin O'Donnell reports his company plans to build a 125km pipeline of 30 in. for Brunswick Pipeline next year. Clearing starts in the fall with a scheduled construction from May to September next year.

PIH expanding in Canada

Pipeline Induction Heat Ltd., a British company in the field of automated and mechanized field joint coating, has an office in Alberta. Robert Bell, sales manager, is at 403.993.5902.

ACTION DATES

2007

1-5 OCTOBER

International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association
41st Annual Convention
Sheraton on the Park
Sydney, Australia
Contact: Luc Henriod
Geneva, Switzerland
+41.22.306.0230

20-23 OCTOBER

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

2008

12-18 FEBRUARY

Distribution Contractors Association
47th Annual Convention
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort
Indian Wells, CA
Contact: Dennis Kennedy
Richardson, TX
972.680.0261 www.dca-online.org

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

14-18 APRIL

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
54th Annual Convention
Hyatt Regency Maui
Lahaina, HI
Contact: Barry Brown
Oakville, ON
905.847.9383 www.pipeline.ca

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