

# CANADIAN Pipeliner

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA



## 2011 CONVENTION ISSUE

57th PLCAC Annual Convention in Maui

April 11–15, 2011

In April, the PLCAC held its 57th annual convention on the sandy beaches of Maui, Hawaii. Following last year's successful convention in St. John's NL, this year's meeting was a change of scenery for the over three hundred delegates that attended. "We were delighted to have such a great turnout for this year's convention in Maui," said PLCAC Executive Director Neil Lane. "There were many events and activities planned for our delegates such as our Business and Executive Development sessions, our annual golf tournament at the Kaanapali Golf Resort, Cirque Polynesia and Hollywood Hawaii theme night along with the various tours. We hope the convention was a memorable one for our delegates and their families."

During the important morning meetings, the Annual General Meeting, and the Business and Executive Development sessions, delegates enjoyed hearing from a variety of informative speakers. PLCAC President, Kevin Waschuk, delivered his President's message on projected pipeline projects for Canada for the next few years; Jim Crawford, Director of Engineering, Construction and Safety for Enbridge's Major Projects Division welcomed delegates speaking about Enbridge's Forward View for Canada; Ezra Levant, best-selling author and now host of *The Source* on the Sun News Network in Canada, captivated delegates with his presentation on Canada's Oil Sands; and, world class photojournalist Dewitt Jones, inspired the audience with his incredible visual presentation and perspective on "Celebrating what's right with the world."

A special thank you to all delegates on making the 57th PLCAC annual convention a success!

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### de Koning Elected New PLCAC President



On April 15, 2011, at the Convention's evening gala event, Nick J. de Koning was inducted as the President of the PLCAC for the 2011-2012 term.

Nick comes to this position as President of Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited; a company that plans, engineers, builds and maintains a wide range of pipelines and utilities infrastructure across Canada. Nick has had a 35 year career with Robert B. Somerville and has served as their president since 1994.

Nick de Koning became actively involved with the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada through the Education and Training Committee in the late 1980's. In 1992 he became a member of the Distribution

Negotiating Committee and is still active on that committee, now serving as its Chairman. He is also a member of the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council. Nick was elected president of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada in 1997, 2003 and now for 2011.

## 2011-2012 PLCAC Board of Directors

**Executive Committee elected by the PLCAC are:** Nick J. de Koning, President of Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited as its President for the 2011-2012 term. David J. Kavanaugh, President of O. J. Pipelines Canada was elected Vice President; David W. Johnstone, President, T.W. Johnstone Company Ltd. as 2nd Vice President; and Donald A. Cusack, Vice President, Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P. was elected Treasurer. Kevin W. Waschuk, Vice President of Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. is Immediate Past President of the Association and Neil G. Lane serves as the PLCAC Executive Director.



**2011-2012 PLCAC Board of Directors**

(Back) D. Douglas, B. Lailey, M. Prior, N. de Koning, D. Kavanaugh, D. Cusack, N. Lane  
(Front) D. Johnstone, M. Scherer, K. Waschuk, T. Shipka, N. Waugh

**Contractor Directors of the Association are:**

Michael R. Prior, Vice President & General Manager, Michels Canada Co.; Mark H. Scherer, Senior Vice President, Utilities, Aecon Infrastructure; Neil K. Waugh, Vice President, Operations, Link-Line Contractors Ltd. and Ted L. Shipka, President of Triple Random Inc.

**Associate Directors are:** David M. Douglas, Manager, Canadian Pipeline Division, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (Canada) Ltd. and Bernie G. Lailey, National Pipeline Manager of Acklands-Grainger Inc.

**Committee Chairmen appointed are:** National Labour Relations Committee, Lyall Nash, Testco Western Corp; Convention Planning Committee, David Douglas, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (Canada) Ltd.; Education and Training Committee, Don Cusack, Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.; Membership and Promotion Committee, Kevin Waschuk, Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd.; Pipeline Standards Committee, Michael Prior, Michels Canada Co.; and, chairing the PLCAC Safety Committee is Gerry Harding of Michels Canada Co.

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## PLCAC President Optimistic About Future Pipeline Work in Canada



**Kevin Waschuk**  
PLCAC President 2010-2011

During his Annual General Meeting presentation at the 57th PLCAC Convention in Maui, PLCAC President Kevin Waschuk reported to delegates that although the past year was a challenging one for the mainline pipeline construction industry, he was very optimistic on future mainline pipeline work, in particular, with smaller projects slated to begin the summer of 2011 and beyond. He reported that despite a decline in man-hours for mainline pipeline construction in 2010, that distribution construction remained steady and that the outlook also appeared to be positive as future demand

for distribution and maintenance work could increase because of aging infrastructure.

He also commented on the accomplishments and progress made by the PLCAC labour negotiating committees and that they had concluded the negotiation of both the Mainline and Distribution Agreements for Canada for another three years.

# SPECIAL AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2011 PLCAC CONVENTION


## 2010 James L. Abraham Safety Award Winners

Annually at our Convention, the PLCAC recognizes member companies who have distinguished themselves in respect to exemplary safety performance and safety records over the past year through the James L. Abraham Pipeline Construction Safety Awards Program.

Contractor's clients are determined to provide a safe working environment for all of the workers employed by all contractors on their work. The PLCAC and its contractor members and our four partner unions have responded well to this requirement through a number of safety and training programs. The James L. Abraham Safety Awards winners for 2010 are:


**Mainline Pipeline Construction:**  **O.J. Pipelines Canada**

**O. J. Pipelines Canada**  
Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category is Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited and Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd.

**Distribution Pipeline Construction:**  **SOMERVILLE**

**Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited**  
Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category is T. W. Johnstone Company Limited.

**Specialty Contractor, Transportation:**   
**Over 20,000 Man Hours Worked**  
**Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.**

**Specialty Contractor**   
**Over 20,000 Man Hours Worked (Maintenance):**  
**Summit Pipeline Services Ltd.**

Also with zero lost-time accidents in this category is Academy Construction & Maintenance Ltd., Link - Line Contactors Ltd., Louisbourg Pipelines Inc. and Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited

**Specialty Contractor**   
**Under 20,000 Man Hours Worked (Testing):**  
**Testco Western Corp**

## 2011 Jack Cressey Future Leader Award



Jason Thompson with Michael Prior (L) of Michels Canada Co. and Kevin Waschuk (R), President PLCAC 2010-2011

The winner of the 2011 Jack Cressey Future Leader award is Jason Thompson of Michels Canada Co. of Nisku, Alberta. Jason was presented the award by Kevin Waschuk, PLCAC's 2010-2011 President, during the Executive Development session.

The award recognizes an employee from one of our Regular Member companies who has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities but who has not yet attained executive status as the emphasis is on a future leader. The nominee may come from any sector within an organization, whether it is in field operations, accounting, purchasing, estimating, or warehousing.

Congratulations to Jason on this outstanding achievement!

## 2011 Barry Brown Inducted as an Honorary Member of PLCAC



On April 15, 2011, at the Convention's evening gala event, Barry L. Brown was inducted as an Honorary Member of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada for his many years of dedicated service to the pipeline construction industry in Canada. Barry served as the PLCAC's Executive Director for over 25 years and recently retired from the Association on December 31, 2010. A special gift from the Regular and Associate Members of the PLCAC was also presented to Barry and his wife Mary Lou Brown recognizing their contributions towards the association. "I am humbled by the kindness shown to me by the Association's Members this evening and I am extremely happy to see the many faces return year after year to the PLCAC convention. Thank you for your support throughout the years," said Barry Brown.

*Convention Maui Hawaii  
April 11-15, 2011*



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## CONVENTION SPEAKERS



**Jim Crawford**

### **Jim Crawford of Enbridge Inc. Reviews Future Outlook for Enbridge**

On Wednesday April 13, 2011, Jim Crawford, Director of Engineering, Construction and Safety for Enbridge's Major Projects Division provided delegates of the 57th PLCAC Convention an in-depth presentation of Enbridge's forward view for Canadian pipelines. During his presentation he emphasized Enbridge's focus on safety and how pipeline construction companies play a vital role in safety. Current projects and areas of opportunity were reviewed including future projects on the horizon.

### **Ezra Levant Delivers Powerful Message**

During the convention's Business Development session on Thursday April 14, 2011, Ezra Levant, best-selling author of "Ethical Oil: The Moral Case for Canada's Oil Sands" and now host of *The Source* on the Sun News Network in Canada, delivered a powerful message to delegates with his passionate presentation on Canada's oil sands and the argument as to why Canada should be proud of its resources and the ethical case to support them. During his presentation he touched on his experience when developing his book and the ongoing pressures he encountered when making his arguments.



**Ezra Levant**



**Dewitt Jones**

### **Dewitt Jones Gives Inspiring Presentation**

At the Executive Development session on April 15, 2011, Dewitt Jones, one of America's top professional photographers gave an inspiring presentation on his life experiences and images combining stories from his years with the National Geographic. He provided the audience a view from the lens not typically seen by the naked eye on what he calls 'Celebrating What's Right With the World!' Delegates were shown incredible pictures and vistas from his collection while providing the amazing stories behind them.

### **Did you know...**

Canada produces less than 2% of the world's total greenhouse gases. The oil sands represent 5% of Canada's total greenhouse gas production. If you do the math, the oil sands contribution to the world's total greenhouse gas production is 0.0001 percent or a tenth of one percent!

## New PLCAC Board Members



Mark H. Scherer

Neil K. Waugh

The 2011-2012 PLCAC Board welcomes two new members.

Mark H. Scherer comes to us from Aecon Infrastructure where he is Senior Vice President, Utilities. Mark will be serving the remaining year of Teri McKibbon's two year term. McKibbon resigned from the Board in April 2011 due to his appointment as COO of Aecon Group Inc.

Neil K. Waugh, Vice President, Operations at Link-Line Contractors Ltd. will serve a two year term.

Both new board members will serve as directors representing PLCAC Contractor Members.

## New Membership Directory

Within the next few weeks, PLCAC staff will be preparing the new 2011-2012 Membership Directory. Each PLCAC member company has been contacted to provide updated information for this publication. Watch for your new PLCAC Directory coming soon.

## PCST Renewal Reminder

In our last newsletter, we told readers about the Pipeline Construction Safety Training Certificate three year renewal process.

The PLCAC is dedicated to ensuring the safety of all persons working for its members on pipeline construction projects in Canada. In order to maintain this dedication of ensuring the safety of those working on pipeline projects, it was agreed that all employees would renew their PCST training and certificates every three years.

In order to facilitate this, the Construction Sector Council (CSC) through their e-learning site has provided a PCST Certificate Renewal course. This link can be accessed by going to: <http://elearning.csc-ca.org>.

For more information on the PCST Certificate Renewal, please contact the PLCAC at [plcac@pipeline.ca](mailto:plcac@pipeline.ca)

## Associate Members Encouraged to Participate in Next Newsletter Issue

The fall edition of the PLCAC "Pipeliner" newsletter provides a great opportunity for Associate Members to get out their message on new products or services related to the pipeline industry. The content we seek is informational (not advertisements) and may also be about new advances or innovations in equipment and procedures that benefit the pipeline industry. Company announcements are also welcome.

Acceptable submissions are articles of 150 words or less accompanied by pictures highlighting a new product, service, or innovation.

We encourage all Associate Members to participate and take advantage of this complimentary opportunity. Members will receive a reminder in the summer. For more information contact Michael Gallardo at: [mgallardo@pipeline.ca](mailto:mgallardo@pipeline.ca).

## ACTION DATES

### 2011

#### September 12-16

#### International Pipeline & Offshore Contractors Association

45th Annual Convention  
Beijing China  
Contact: Juan Arzuaga  
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[iploca.com](http://iploca.com)

#### October 22-25

#### Australian Pipeline Industry Association

Annual Convention  
Sydney Australia  
Contact: Steve Dobbie  
(02) 6273.0577  
[apia.net.au](http://apia.net.au)

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### 2012

#### January 24-26

#### Underground Construction Technology Int'l Conference & Exhibition

San Antonio TX  
Contact: Karen Francis  
281.558.6930  
[uctonline.com](http://uctonline.com)

#### February 3-8

#### Distribution Contractors Association

51st Annual Convention  
Kohala HI  
Contact: Robert Darden  
972.680.0461  
[dca-online.org](http://dca-online.org)

#### February 21-25

#### Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)

64th Annual Convention  
Carlsbad CA  
Contact: Pat Tielborg  
214.969.2700  
[plca.org](http://plca.org)

#### June 3-7

#### Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada

58th Annual Convention  
Whistler BC  
Contact: Neil Lane  
905.847.9383  
[pipeline.ca](http://pipeline.ca)

See you next year at the

## **PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA**

58th Annual Convention

in

Whistler, British Columbia

June 3–7, 2012

Fairmont Chateau Whistler



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