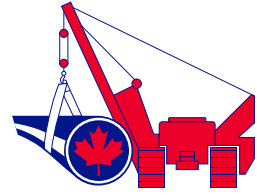


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PLCAC President Mark Scherer and Executive Director Neil Lane Congratulate Newly Inducted IPLOCA President



At IPLOCA's 49th Annual Convention held at the Fairmont Singapore from October 5 to 9 2015, Atul Punj, Chairman at Punj Lloyd, was inducted as the new 2015–2016 IPLOCA President.

Pictured left to right is Neil Lane, PLCAC Executive Director; Mark Scherer, PLCAC President; Atul Punj, IPLOCA President and Juan Arzuaga, IPLOCA Executive Secretary. We wish Mr. Punj much success in his term as IPLOCA President.

PLCAC Meets with World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations Representatives During IPLOCA's Annual Convention, October 2015



The World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations (WFPIA) met on October 7th at IPLOCA's annual meeting in Singapore. WFPIA meets to discuss areas of common interest and share information, issues and ideas from a global industry perspective. Items discussed at the

meeting included the replenishment and growth of a qualified workforce in the pipeline industry, the sharing of current safety initiatives, the status of drug and alcohol testing, revising current WFPIA operational guidelines and exploring growth of the World Federation Association.



Attendees from left to right: Andy Lukas (Australia) APGA, Jim Frith (Australia) APGA, Rob Darden (USA) DCA, Frank Patterson (USA) DCA, Mark Scherer (Canada) PLCAC, Neil Lane (Canada) PLCAC, Cheryl Burgess (UK) PIG, Jean-Claude Van de Wiele (France) IPLOCA, Juan Arzuaga (Switzerland) IPLOCA

About The Cover



Our cover extends Seasons Greetings from our current PLCAC president, Mark Scherer, an avid hobby farmer who is as comfortable sitting in the seat of his tractor as he is sitting in his seat at Aecon as Senior Vice President, Utilities.

Located in Toronto ON, Aecon is Canada's largest publicly traded construction company, providing a range of services to private and public sector clients across its three core segments of Infrastructure, Energy, and Mining.

Michels Canada Co. Urban Pipeline Construction in GTA

Michels Canada Co. is currently constructing Enbridge Gas Distribution Inc.'s largest project in history, the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) gas distribution pipeline.



The project consists of approximately fifty (50) kilometers of 36-inch and 42-inch diameter natural gas pipeline including 120 open cuts, track bores and fourteen Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD) crossings that span over five kilometers. The construction runs through densely populated metropolitan areas including residential subdivisions and utilizes four spreads and over 800 skilled pipeline trades people to effectively complete the project.

As with all Michels Canada Co. projects; safety, quality, and environmental stewardship are of the utmost importance in the pipeline construction industry.



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Congratulations to Waschuk for Celebrating 50-years of Pipeline Construction



Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year in pipeline construction. Founded by William (Bill) Waschuk, Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. was established as an accredited Canadian business in 1965 but the company's humble beginnings started long before that when Bill, at the age of sixteen, began learning the welding trade. He furthered that knowledge by working in welding shops and then oil rigs. Within four years, the sign on his truck read W^M Waschuk Welding and in 1952 he welded his first pipeline. In 1965 Bill decided to utilize his extensive oil and gas industry experience and with the support of staff with many years' experience, established Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. Today with its head office located in Red Deer, Alberta, there are three generations of Waschuk's involved in the family business that specializes in oil and gas pipeline and production facilities construction. Since its inception Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. has grown in to one of the largest privately owned pipeline construction companies in Canada.

On May 24th 2003, the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada inducted Bill Waschuk as an Honorary Member in recognition of over 50 years of dedicated service to the pipeline construction industry in Canada.



Waschuk in the early years (Circa 1957)



Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. today

CPAC and IUOE Pipeline Training Tour



On September 29 2015, members of the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC) met in Morrisburg, Ontario.

CPAC is a co-operative joint labour/management group of senior pipeline craft union representatives and officers of the PLCAC. The council meets to discuss issues that affect the pipeline construction industry and work together to foster positive relations with industry stakeholders.

The CPAC committee was invited to attend the launch event and tour of the Pipeline Training Program of the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Ontario (OETIO). The event included presentations by John Soini, President, Energy East Project at TransCanada Pipelines and Mike Gallagher, Business Manager, Local 793.

Local 793 invested close to \$2 million with the purchase of two John Deere 850 side booms and two CAT D6 dozers to be used in the three-week pipeline training courses. The local union also invested \$11 million into renovations of the OETIO training facilities. The first pipeline training course kicked off in June and the OETIO plans to hold eight courses a year.

IUOE Canadian Regional Director Lionel Railton expressed his support and recognition to Local 793 as the OETIO has shown its commitment to the pipeline industry with their investment in the new pipeline training program.



Left to right: Jason Squires, Manager, Construction & Labour Relations, TransCanada; Lyall Nash, Chairman, National Labor Relations Committee, PLCAC; John Soini, President, Energy East Project, TransCanada Pipelines; Neil Lane, Executive Director, PLCAC

Michels Safety Campaign Wins International Acclaim



Michels Corporation was recently honoured as a runner-up in the 2015 International Pipe Line and Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) Health and Safety Award sponsored by Chevron. Michels received the recognition for its "Promise Me" campaign, a powerful video campaign that featured employees' families poignantly asking their loved ones to promise to always work safely. This IPLOCA award recognizes significant achievements in the health and safety field.

Michels Canada Co. Senior Strategic Advisor, Mike Prior, received the award during the annual IPLOCA Convention in Singapore. PLCAC member Michels Canada Co. is a subsidiary of Michels Corporation.



Left to right: Bruno Maerten, Chairman, HSE Committee, IPLOCA; Mike Prior, Senior Strategic Advisor, Michels Canada Co.; Jean Claude van de Wiele, President, IPLOCA

Banister Excels in Quality — 0% Repair Rate



Banister Pipelines Constructors Corp. was awarded a project for Union Gas to construct 13.9 kilometers of 48" pipeline from the Brantford Valve Site on Cheese Factory Road east of Cambridge to the Kirkwall Valve Site on Valens Road. The

construction required drilling and blasting 6,000 meters of ditch rock. The project involved working through the African Lion Safari Park, which required special fences to separate the animals from the construction right of way.

Banister completed 580 mainline welds using the RMS system from Nisku, Alberta and achieved a 0% repair rate. It is very rare to achieve the quality of a 0% repair rate on any project of this size or larger. Banister is completing the remaining welds (tie-ins) using a manual system and is on target to achieve a total repair rate of less than 1.5%.

Prior to the start of the job, Banister engaged members of Six Nations from the Oshweeken community to identify opportunities for involvement of local people on the job. With co-operation and full support of the unions, UA Local 663 (Sarnia), OE Local 793 (Ontario), LiUNA Local 837 (Hamilton) and Teamsters Local 879 (Hamilton), Banister employed 54 First Nations' persons on the job.



UA Local 488 Alberta – Grand Opening of New Alberta Pipe Trades College (APTC) Welding Center



The Alberta Pipe Trades College (APTC) was established in April 2009 by the United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union 488, and is Canada's premier training facility for the pipe trades industry. The 50,000 square foot facility was custom built for providing programs in the welding, plumbing, downhand welding, gasfitting, rigging, pipefitting, instrumentation, refrigeration, sprinklerfitting and steamfitting trades.

On October 7 2015, the APTC hosted the grand opening of their new APTC Welding Centre. The 10,500 square foot facility is dedicated specifically to welding and offers 24 individual pipeline welding booths. The APTC Welding Shop is also an Alberta Boiler Safety Authority and a Canadian Welding Bureau certified testing facility.



For more information, please contact Larry Matychuk (780) 452-7080 or visit www.albertapipetrades.ca.

Foundations of Leadership Fall Session Completed Successfully



The PLCAC, in collaboration with the PLCAC Education and Training Committee, offers leadership training specific to contractor members. The Pipeline Construction: Foundations of Leadership Program is a four course program offered in two sessions – winter and fall. It is a program designed to provide essential foundations in leadership for foremen, supervisors and professional staff. The leadership foundation program provides a strong foundation for developing a culture of accountability, building and leading teams, communication for impact, and coaching for results.

The fall session completed successfully in Edmonton November 3 & 4, 2015. Participants shared experiences in both management and leadership from the field to the office. They were enthusiastic and engaged in active learning and self-discovery. By the end of the session, the participants had a greater understanding of their own leadership style and had developed tools to assist them in the future. The final session in this series will take place in Toronto February 4 & 5, 2016. Pre-registration is required.

If you are interested in more information about this program, please contact the PLCAC office at 905-847-9383.



The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association Annual Dinner



PLCAC representatives pictured from left to right with Brenda Kenny are Kevin Waschuk, Director; Mike Prior, Immediate Past President; Lyall Nash, Second Vice President and Neil Lane, Executive Director.

Inset: PLCAC Executive Director, Neil Lane and Alexandra Conliffe, Vice President, Operations, EWB presenting one of the raffle awards.



The Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA) held their 22nd annual dinner at the Hyatt Regency in Calgary on November 13. The event provides the opportunity for CEPA members, government officials and contractors to network and learn about the Association's last year's activities and future challenges.

The PLCAC sponsored the raffle with the proceeds, and those of the evening, being donated to Engineers Without Borders (EWB). EWB is a not-for-profit association that provides social innovations to those in need in Canada and Africa, and enable young leaders to reach their full potential.

This year marked a special occasion and after 10 years of dedication and commitment, Brenda Kenny, President and CEO of CEPA announced her retirement. We wish Brenda all the success in the future.

Sneak Peek Preliminary Schedule of Events

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
Convention 2016 Charlottetown, PEI
Delta Prince Edward May 29 – June 2, 2016

Attendance at the Annual convention is restricted to members and their guests.
Watch your mailbox for 2016 PLCAC convention information coming in January 2016.



Prince Edward Island 2016

Sunday May 29

Board of Directors Meeting (Directors)
Registration (All Delegates)
Welcome Reception (All Delegates)
President's Dinner (By Invitation)

Monday May 30

Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (Council Reps)
World Federation Meeting (By Invitation)
Golfer's Breakfast & Lunch (Pre-registered Golfers)
Annual Golf Tournament (Pre-registered Golfers)
Kick-Off Party (All Delegates)

Tuesday May 31

Annual General Meeting (All Delegates)
Associates Meeting (Associate Member Reps)
Optional Activities (Pre-registered Delegates)
Dinner & Entertainment (All Delegates)

Wednesday June 1

Breakfast (All Delegates)
General Business Session (All Delegates)
Board of Directors Meeting (Directors)
Optional Activities (Pre-registered Delegates)
"All Canadian Eh!" Theme Party

This year our convention is on Prince Edward Island, famous for its red clay, potato vodka and the birth place of Confederation. To celebrate, the "All Canadian Eh!" costume party is a night that is sure to bring out the Canadian in everyone.

Thursday June 2

Breakfast (All Delegates)
Executive Development Session (All Delegates)
Optional Activities (Pre-registered Delegates)
Gala Reception & Banquet (All Delegates)

New PLCAC Members

PLCAC's Board of Directors recently approved membership applications from one new Regular Member and two new Associate Members. We welcome these new members to the PLCAC!

Regular Member



Allstream Waste Solutions Inc., located in Komoka ON, provides treatment solidification and disposal of liquid wastes including liquid wastes generated by HDD activities. For more information contact Erika Skocir, Controller at 519-639-0067 or visit www.allstreamwaste.com.

Associate Members



AFD Petroleum Ltd., based in Edmonton AB, supplies bulk fuels, lubricants and on-site tank storage systems. For more information contact Michael Power, Vice President, Pacific Region at 780-438-5930 or visit www.afdpetroleum.com.



LCS Cable Cranes GmbH, located in Sulz Austria, sells, rents installs and operates temporary cable crane systems in difficult terrain and pipelaying. For more information contact Christopher Ludescher, General Manager at +43 522 39412 or visit www.lcs-cablecranes.com.

PLCAC 2016 Annual Convention

Charlottetown PEI
May 29–June 2, 2016



Some photos courtesy Tourism PEI

Action Dates

February 11–12, 2016

Arizona State University HDD Academy
Tempe AZ
Contact: Vicki Miner
330.467.7588 www.benjaminmedia.co

February 15–20, 2016

Distribution Contractors Association
55th Annual Convention
Naples FL
Contact: Robert Darden
972.680.0261 www.dcaweb.org

February 23–27, 2016

Pipe Line Contractors Association (US)
68th Annual Convention
Scottsdale AZ
Contact: Pat Tielborg
214.969.2700 www.plca.org

May 29–June 02, 2016

Pipe Line Contractors
Association of Canada
62nd Annual Convention
Charlottetown PEI
Contact: Neil Lane
905.847.9383 www.pipeline.ca

September 12–16, 2016

International Pipe Line &
Offshore Contractors Association
50th Annual Convention
Paris France
Contact: Juan Arzuaga
41 22 306 02 30 www.iploca.com

October 8–11, 2016

Australian Pipelines & Gas Association
48th Annual Convention
Perth, Australia
Contact: Steve Dobbie
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