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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Optimistic Outlook With Challenges Ahead



*Michael Prior
Michels Canada Co.*

After a very busy 2013, the past year provided another great opportunity for the unionized pipeline construction industry in Canada. 2014 saw an impressive amount of man-hours in all segments of our industry – Mainline, Distribution and Maintenance and Service pipeline construction. In particular, we had an impressive performance in the Distribution and Maintenance and Service segments with increases in man-hours year after year.

Although the value of the Canadian dollar and the price per barrel has declined from record levels set recently, Canada remains a strong base for resource development and for the production and growth potential of the oil and gas industry. Our pipeline infrastructure supports a competitive and responsible industry providing good direct and indirect paying jobs within the industry. Combined with our ability to innovate, Canada is poised to be in a good position as a global player with a sound environmental and safety track record.

2014 was a year of numerous accomplishments for our Association. We successfully renewed the Pipeline Maintenance and Service Agreements for Canada to 2017; We participated in many stakeholder meetings and tradeshow as a member of CPAC; A new leadership training program was launched for contractor members to offer key members of their organizations; and we completed an in depth review and update of our Pipeline Construction Safety Training (PCST) course.

Overall work activity may be slowing compared to last year; however, the prospects for 2015 and beyond remain encouraging with several major mainline projects and various distribution works currently underway while others are moving toward final approval. Pipeline Construction remains a great business to be in for all our Regular and Associate Members.

Michael R. Prior

DCA Elects New President



PLCAC President Michael Prior pictured with newly inducted DCA President, Frank Patterson at the DCA 2015 Annual Convention in New Orleans, LA in February 2015. Frank L. Patterson is the President of Primoris Pipeline Services Corp., in Garner, North Carolina.

Michael Prior, PLCAC President with Frank Patterson, DCA President

BuildForce PCST



With help from industry, BuildForce has completed the update of the Pipeline Construction Safety Training (PCST) online course. In addition to updating the content, the course has undergone many changes that will be visible to the learners including clearer, easier to follow navigation, better illustrations to support key learnings in each of the lessons, and more effective guidance in completing the tests to maximize learning. Behind the scenes the course is now using more current technology to ensure the smooth completion of the course and access to the certificate of completion.

With over \$50 billion in major pipeline investments started or proposed in Canada over the next decade, this course is more important than ever to ensure workers enter the job site with awareness of the importance of working safely.

For more information about the course and to get your pin for the PCST course, please contact the Association at plcac@pipeline.ca.

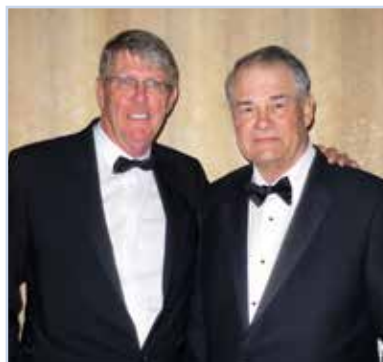
World Federation Meeting Carlsbad CA February, 2015

PLCAC met with representatives of the World Federation to review global issues affecting the pipeline industry. The agenda included future projects and labour demands, labour negotiating, and education and training initiatives.



Left to right: Kevin N. Barrett, Executive Director — PLCA; J. Patrick Tielborg, Managing Director, Counsel — PLCA; Robert Darden, Executive Vice President — DCA; Ronnie Wise, Immediate Past President — PLCA; Juan Arzuaga, Executive Secretary - IPLOCA; Jean-Claude Van de Wiele, President — IPLOCA; Michael Prior, President — PLCAC; Neil Lane, Executive Director — PLCAC.

PLCA-USA Elects New President



PLCAC President Michael Prior pictured with newly inducted PLCA President, Frank Welch at the PLCA-US 2015 Annual Convention in Carlsbad, CA in February 2015. Frank Welch has been with Rockford Corporation, Hillsboro, OR, since 1999, becoming President in 2005.

*Michael Prior,
PLCAC President with
Frank Welch,
PLCA-USA President*

CPAC Attends Information Conference Hosted by TransCanada



On December 8, 2014 CPAC participated in the Green Water Group/TransCanada Oil and Pipeline Information Sharing, Business Partnership and Networking Opportunities Conference. The event was attended by the Southern Chiefs Organization, CPAC, and Executives from TransCanada. The various groups met with a number of treaty chiefs representing First Nations groups that were invited from the Manitoba, Saskatchewan and northwestern Ontario area.

The meeting was an opportunity for stakeholders to share plans and general information regarding outlines for the construction of the \$12 billion TransCanada Energy East Pipeline. CPAC had setup an information booth along with the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Manitoba.



CPAC Attends Special AFN Assembly in Winnipeg



On December 9–11, 2014, CPAC was an exhibitor at the Circle of Trade Tradeshow during the Assembly of First Nations' Special Chiefs Assembly to elect a National Chief. The tradeshow was held in Winnipeg, Manitoba at the RBC Convention Centre.

The 3 day event drew approximately 2,000 attendees where Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chief Perry Bellegarde was elected as National Chief of the Assembly of First Nations on the first ballot with 63% of the vote. National Chief Bellegarde will serve a three-and-a-half year term.

Representatives from CPAC were on hand to present information on Careers in Pipeline Construction to delegates at the conference. CPAC Chair, Lyall Nash, said, "I am glad that CPAC was able to be a part of the tradeshow. This is our third time attending in support of the AFN and their members. It is important for us to promote construction careers in our industry." Also in attendance were representatives from the Operating Engineers Training Institute of Manitoba who had their booth setup beside CPAC. The setup of an interactive mini-excavator drew a variety of visitors looking for information on education and apprenticeship opportunities in the trades.



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Student Bursary Program

PLCAC
2014–2015
Student Bursary Program
Award Recipients



Shane Blay
Georgian College
Information
Security



Morgan Brausen
Grant MacEwan
Science



Myles Chisholm
Saint Paul
University
Psychotherapy



**Sebastiana
Cortina**
McMaster
University
Social Sciences



Simone Cusack
University of
Alberta
Land
Reclamation



Maxine Cusack
University of
Alberta
Forest
Management



Nathan Filipek
University of
Alberta
Science



Cristian Frincu
McMaster
Mechatronics
Engineering



Austin Heintz
University of
Saskatchewan
Commerce



Julia Jackson
Mount Allison
University
Commerce



Igor Kasic
University of
Alberta
Criminology



Laura Lane
Brock University
Education



Melanie Logan
University of
New Brunswick -
Saint John
Nursing



Rachael Longridge
University of
Alberta
Nursing



Connor Malek
University of
Saskatchewan
Geology



Matthew Olinski
Lakehead
University
Civil Engineering

Winner of Two Awards



The recipient of the Wayne McArthur Memorial Award is **Jonathan Dubue** who is currently attending the University of Alberta pursuing an honours degree in Psychology.

Jonathan has demonstrated an aptitude outside of the classroom as well inside. He has several years of work experience as a researcher, facilities attendant and retail worker. He also has many leadership roles in several university and community activities including the Peer Support Center, Orientation Team and as a Distress Line volunteer. The PLCAC member parent is Don Cusack of MTS Canada.



Makayla Parsons
Durham College
Police
Foundations



Jennifer Popelyak
Bishops
University
English



Joel Present
University of
Windsor
Journalism &
Film



Kyle Present
Wilfrid Laurier
University
Criminology



**Brittany
Rozumniak**
University of
Alberta
Pharmacology



Joey Samoleski
Lethbridge
College
Business



Alex Smith
Mount Royal
University
Nursing



Matthew Walker
University of
Western Ontario
Software
Engineering



Taylor Yeomans
King's University
College
Social Science/
Sociology

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada awards a bursary to a number of students annually.

To qualify for this award, students must be enrolled in a full-time program at a recognized college or university and be a son or daughter of a person whose principal income is through employment by, or have a history of employment with a firm who is a member of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada.

Since 2010, the PLCAC has also recognized a student who contributes to their community along with academic excellence by awarding them with the Wayne McArthur Memorial Award. Congratulations to the 2014–2015 bursary winners!

Promotion of Pipeliners in Mainstream Media



In late December 2014, PLCAC through CPAC released a feature in two major Canadian newspapers, the Toronto Star and the Calgary Herald, to promote careers in pipeline construction and to highlight opportunities arising from the Energy East Pipeline Project.

Energy East is expected to cost approximately \$12 billion, including all station and terminal work, and is anticipated to be in service for deliveries in Québec and New Brunswick by late 2018, subject to receiving the necessary regulatory approvals and permits. For more information about the project, visit: www.energyeastpipeline.com.



Pipeline Construction: Foundations of Leadership Training Program

The PLCAC, in collaboration with the PLCAC Education and Training Committee, is offering 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 your immediate staff, foremen and supervisors, and those contractors who would benefit from gaining value added leadership education and training. For more information and to download the program brochure please visit www.pipeline.ca.



New Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada Associate Members



Altek Industrial Supply, located in Edmonton AB, supplies and services products related to coatings and consumables such as girth welding coatings, rollers and brushes. For more information contact Michael Atema, General Manager at 780-465-9000 or visit www.alteksupply.com.



Canwest Pipeline Supply & Service Ltd. based in Edmonton AB, sells, rents and services pipeline construction equipment and supplies. For more information contact Mike Borodawka, President at 780-482-2997 or visit www.canwestpipeline.ca.



Sideline Specialty Equipment Canada Ltd., located in Spruce Grove AB, sells and services a wide variety of pipeline equipment and parts; provides mechanical services, custom welding fabrication and construction consulting for pipeline projects. For more information contact Tim Martin, President at 780-720-7593 or visit www.sideline.com.

Federal Government Announces Tax Breaks for LNG Projects in BC

On February 19, the Prime Minister of Canada Stephen Harper made an important announcement regarding the tax system for proposed liquefied natural gas (LNG) projects in British Columbia. The Canadian Federal Government has agreed to grant tax relief to stimulate economic activity in the region.

There are currently 19 LNG proposals and with recent market pressures on the price of oil and gas globally, decisions have stalled on proceeding with projects. The pending changes to capital cost allowance rules mean that BC LNG projects will be able to take advantage of tax breaks pegged to asset depreciation rates. Companies involved are currently conducting feasibility studies regarding the financial investment needed for projects.

Key pipeline projects in play include the Eagle Mountain – Wood Fibre Project, Pacific Northern Gas, Pacific Trails Pipeline, Prince Rupert Gas Pipeline, Coastal Gas Link Project, and the WestCoast Connector Project.



William (Bill) Fieldhouse (1957 – 2015)



William (Bill) Fieldhouse, a member of Teamsters Canada and well known to many from his long-time of working in the industry passed away on January 14. Bill will be sadly missed.

Tenzin Khechok (1971– 2015)



Tenzin Khechok, a 43 year old oiler grade/clean-up crew member with O.J. Pipelines, passed away suddenly on February 22 while at camp on a project. Tenzin will be sadly missed.

2015 PLCAC 61st Annual Convention

We are counting down the days to the 2015 PLCAC Annual Convention in Maui, Hawaii (April 13-17) where delegates can network with Canadian mainline, distribution and specialty contractors; pipeline construction suppliers, and the numerous stakeholders involved in the exciting Canadian pipeline industry.

The convention's business sessions provide insight on future projects and developments in the pipeline industry and are complimented with enjoyable, exciting activities and events for all attendees. For a list of those attending the convention, information on events and the helpful "What to Wear" please go to www.pipeline.ca and click on convention information.



Action Dates

April 13 – 17, 2015

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
61st Annual Convention
Maui HI
Contact: Neil Lane
905.847.9383 www.pipeline.ca

October 05 – 09, 2015

International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association
49th Annual Convention
Singapore
Contact: Juan Arzuaga
41 22 306 02 30 www.iploca.com

October 17 – 20, 2015

Australian Pipeline Industry Association
Annual Convention
Gold Coast AUS
Contact: Steve Dobbie
02 6273 0577 www.apia.net.au

February 15 – 19, 2016

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

February 18 – 20, 2016

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

February 23 – 27, 2015

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

May 29 – June 2, 2016

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

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