

Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC) Governance Summary (May 2026)

Board of Directors

The affairs and management of the Association are directed by a Board of Directors comprised of eight (9) Regular Member representatives or such other number of representatives of Regular Members as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine in its sole discretion, and two (2) Associate Member representatives. Each director is elected for a two-year term of office.

Duties of the Board of Directors include adoption of an annual budget; authorizing disbursements; determining fees, dues and assessments; approving application for, change of classification in, and termination of membership; and deciding the time and place of the Annual General Meeting. The Board has authority to approve the appointment of Committees, to determine the number of appointees to Committees and to make rules for the guidance and operation of such Committees. The Board of Directors monitors the activities of all Committees and, where necessary, gives approval to actions contemplated by Committees.

Executive Committee

This committee is comprised of the PLCAC president, vice president, treasurer, immediate past president and executive director. It acts upon the affairs and management of the PLCAC, when requested by the president or the executive director, during the interim between meetings of the board of directors.

Convention Planning Committee

This committee is responsible for planning and arranging all social functions, food, beverage and entertainment. The committee chair prepares a convention budget for submission to the Directors and works closely with the many associate members who sponsor or co-sponsor functions. The committee coordinates all catering and convention services with the hotel and outside agencies throughout the convention.

Education & Training Committee

This committee, through consultation with the PLCAC members and affiliated unions, determines the appropriate training needs to keep the industry at the forefront of innovation and compliance. Members arrange for equipment, materials and courses instructors; determines course content and coordinate course management and administrative functions.

Innovation Committee

This committee is responsible for highlighting and showcasing new technology within the pipeline industry. The committee's goal is to promote collaboration between regular and associate members, and union partners. The committee strives for operational efficiencies and excellence, continued safety advancements and the resulting cost savings to the clients.

Negotiating Committee - Distribution

This committee (a sub-committee of the National Labour Relations Committee) is responsible for the negotiation of the Distribution Pipeline Agreements for Canada.

Negotiating Committee - Mainline

This committee (a sub-committee of the National Labour Relations Committee) is responsible for the negotiation of the Mainline Pipeline Agreements for Canada.

Negotiating Committee - Maintenance and Service

This committee (a sub-committee of the National Labour Relations Committee) is responsible for the negotiation of the Maintenance and Service Agreements for Canada.

Membership & Promotion Committee

This committee promotes membership in the association by those firms who may qualify as regular or associate members. The committee chair reports to the board of directors on the qualifications of applicants, the status of existing members and changes in corporate name, structure or operation of members. The committee also publicizes and promotes the image of the PLCAC and its members to the public, Federal and Provincial Governments, clients, other associations or agencies, and potential members.

National Labour Relations Committee

The National Labour Relations Committee has full authority in all labour matters including the negotiation and administration of collective agreements covering construction, installation, maintenance, reconditioning and treating of pipelines. Committee members serve on joint labour-management committees and boards of trustees and also act on regional subcommittees appointed to carry out specific assignments such as the resolution of grievances and jurisdictional disputes. The committee has adopted Rules of Procedure in order that it may provide fair representation to all employers represented by the PLCAC in labour matters under provincial accreditation, designation and/or registration certificates.

Pipeline Standards Committee

This committee is responsible for liaison with industry organizations and corporations in codification, design and specification writing. Members of the committee serve as the Association's representatives on technical committees of Canadian Standards Association (CSA).

Safety Committee

This committee includes representatives from all areas of the PLCAC including mainline, distribution, and maintenance and service. It functions to promote the development of various industry safe initiatives aimed at improving worker safety awareness and worksite processes. The committee works closely with our union partners, energy clients, industry associations and various regulatory bodies on matters that impact our industry. This committee also oversees the production of the PLCAC safety video series and is the liaison with Buildforce Canada on the distribution and administration of the Pipeline Construction Safety Training (PCST) program.

Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council

The Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC) is a body comprised of one representative from each of the four pipeline craft unions together with the Association's President, Vice Presidents, and Chair of the National Labour Relations Committee which acts to settle matters of dispute which may arise and other matters concerning the harmonious relationships between the Association and the four pipeline craft unions. Also, the council strives to support pipeline owning enterprises within Canada to develop and sustain safe and responsible pipeline construction, operations and maintenance operations in the national public interest.