



Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan Inc.

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1. President's Message

President's Message - by Dave Flamand

With the celebration of Easter and our first spring storm behind us it must mean that summer surely is close ahead.

**2. City of Saskatoon –
Ban the Can**

A successful bonspiel, 2 full Commercial Boiler Training Seminars and a fast filling Dispatcher Training Program for May we are certainly in for a busy year at the Association. I am pleased to see our members accessing these programs locally as we all realize it is much easier than sending technicians out of province for training. I am leaving for the CMCEF Middle Management Course in Toronto this week and will be pleased to share my experience with you when I get back in the next message.

**3. SaskEnergy Network
10 Year Celebration**

**4. Mechanical Industry
Career Training**

As the newsletter details we have several major initiatives underway through your association and will keep you up to date on their progress.

**5. MCAS/CIPH Annual
Conference**

6. Gas Licensing Review

Judy had a very successful meeting with the new Director of Apprenticeship, Joe Black. Joe brings a strong background of Apprenticeship and looks forward to the opportunity to move current initiatives forward and explore opportunities for new initiatives. With this in mind we as an industry must be ready to clearly define our needs; be they changes to trade curriculum, ratio's elimination of 4th year in the ratio or assisting with Prior Learning Assessments (PLAR) by enhancing our role in technical training. For 6 years the association has been providing additional technical training to its membership. As an employer I see it as a valuable addition to any technician's record of training and one we look for when hiring a new employee. With our HVAC Service Technician Program, our review of the current gas training in Saskatchewan we are constantly examining more efficient and effective ways to train to meet our growing needs and I am looking forward to working with Joe Black to discuss these and other issues.

**7. Welcome New
Members**

8. Mark Your Calendars

I was unable to participate in the curling bonspiel but look forward to the upcoming golf tournaments and the annual MCAS/CIPH conference in Cochin in late May. We have a great lineup for you and look forward to seeing you there. I understand the registrations are close to being sent, register early!

City of Saskatoon-Ban The Can:

The Association continues dialogue with the City of Saskatoon to have the Can Test removed from the inspection process in Saskatoon, for all the various reasons the membership has provided. On March 17th, 2008 City Council referred our initial request to the Planning and Operations

Committee to set a date for the meeting. We will keep you informed as this initiative progresses.

IMPORTANT!!

SaskEnergy Network 10 Year Celebration:

We are excited to share in the 10 year celebration of the SaskEnergy Network – yes – your network one that proved great partnerships provide great results. The function will be held at the **German Concordia Club, Friday April 25th, 2008 in Saskatoon.** We encourage members to register early and attend this function. It is jam packed with interesting speakers, industry dialogue and great entertainment. Let's celebrate this great partnership with all its' achievements and the ones yet to come. MCA is a proud sponsor of this event and looks forward to seeing you all there!!!

Mechanical Industry Career Training:

Our latest Sector initiative is well underway, candidate selection is complete and classes start next week. MCAS formed the Plumbing & Pipefitting Sector Partnership in 1999, beginning with a comprehensive needs analysis from industry. Since that time steady progress has been made in organizing and implementing these recommendations. With reference to the recommendation to encourage youth into the trades, MCAS has partnered to hold 4 pre trades plumbing programs across the province and this year we are holding a Career Training project; this project helps employers to get the right people, at the right place, at the right time. It will:

- ◆ Introduce careers in our industry, like HVAC technician, refrigeration mechanic, plumber, sheet metal worker, welder, gas fitter, project estimator, sales specialist, warehouse employment and others;
- ◆ Strengthen connections with the front lines of industry and provide a positive, effective entry experience to the workforce of the future while increasing the scope of the labour pool;
- ◆ Enhance industry awareness and employer's recruitment and retention activities;
- ◆ Expand awareness of industry career choices and career paths;

March 31st classes will begin and we are excited to be a part of this initiative. We encourage employers looking for workers to contact the MCAS office for more information. These candidates will have skills suitable to make their career decision for work in our industry.

MCAS/CIPH Annual Conference:

Mark you calendars and plan to attend the MCAS & CIPH Annual conferences May 29th & 30th in Cochin, Sk. Planning is well underway between the 2 groups to ensure the event this year is every bit as great as last year. We will have a wide range of speakers, entertainers and special events lined up to balance the AGM meetings. Watch for packages to be mailed out early April 2008.

Gas Licensing Review:

The Gas Licensing Act is under review in Saskatchewan. When an Act related to any industry is opened for review that directly affects industry groups such as MCAS, we get involved early. We established a committee of industry partners to examine and propose changes which affect their industry and where possible work to improve process. MCAS formed a committee of 14 industry representatives from PGAC, CAPP, ASHRAE, MCAS, SEPAC, Supplier Groups and Employer Groups, that have been meeting to share their concerns and implement change. One recommendation has already been received from this committee and action has been taken. Dave Flamand will be attending the Sask Party dinner on April 8th and pursuing these interests at this time.



Recommendation #1:

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Saskatchewan has requested the provincial government examine the creation of one central provincial regulatory agency responsible for all aspects of the construction industry. This request has been made to the Premier and all Ministers that administer Acts that fall within this request.

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Mark Your Calendars:

April 2 & 3, 2008

Commercial Boiler Seminar - Regina & Saskatoon

Both classes are full with waiting lists, we will be scheduling another course for the fall of 2008.

NOTE: WE HAVE MOVED!

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May 7 & 8, 2008

MCAS/CMCEF Dispatcher Training Program - Saskatoon
Register early for this popular course. Time is money and efficiencies are what all companies strive for.

May 29 & 30, 2008

MCAS & CIPH Joint Provincial Conference & AGM
Jackfish Lodge - Cochin, SK

June 19, 2008

MCAS 4th Annual Southern Golf Tournament
Deer Valley Golf Course - Lumsden

June 26, 2008

MCAS "Ron Young" Memorial Golf Tournament
Perdue Oasis - Perdue, SK

March 13-14, 2009

MCAS 37th Annual Bonspiel - Saskatoon
Granite Curling Club
Hilton Garden Inn

Check our web site for ALL Event Details <http://www.mca-sask.com>