



# PLCA-Canada Holds 53rd Annual Convention In Niagara Falls, Ontario

About 260 delegates recently attended the 53rd Annual Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada Convention held at the Fallsview Casino Resort in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Attendees represented companies from the 34 regular and 62 associate member firms, the pipeline craft unions, plus various guests including several past presidents. The number of member companies is almost double that of just a few years ago, including the association's two newest members Link-Line Group of Mississauga, ON, and Techint E&C of Milton, ON.

While attendees celebrated with a golf tournament, tours of Niagara Falls and nearby wineries, receptions, dinners and the annual banquet, the meetings business sessions emphasized the dramatic improvement of the Canadian pipeline market. The distribution sector continues near historic highs and the mainline sector has turned around and is expected to remain strong for several years.

Presiding over this year's meeting was 2006-2007 President David Johnstone of T.W. Johnstone Company Ltd., London, Ontario. Other speakers included Kyle Keith of the Canadian Energy Pipeline Association.

### Officers, directors

At the convention, the association's executive committee elected new officers for 2007-2008 including: President – Michael R. Prior, vice president and general manager of Michels Canada, Nisku, AB; 1st Vice President Ted Shipka, president, Triple Random, Inc., Edmonton, AB; 2nd Vice President Terrance L. McKibbin, president, Aecon Civil & Utilities, Toronto, ON; Treasurer Kevin W. Waschuk, vice president, Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd., Red Deer, AB. Barry L. Brown continues to serve as executive director of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada, headquartered in Oakville, ON. Immediate Past President is David W. Johnstone, president of T.W. Johnstone Co., Ltd., London, ON.

Directors include: Nick J. de Koning, president, Robert B. Somerville (Div. of Robert McAlpine Ltd.), King City, ON; James S. Topping, vice president, Banister Pipeline, Edmonton, AB; Peter F. Thompson, vice president, O.J. Pipelines Canada, Nisku, AB; Dave Douglas, manager of Canadian Pipeline Division, Ritchie Bros. Auctioneers (Canada) Ltd., Nisku, AB; and Neil G. Lane, corporate business manager, John Deere Limited, Grimsby, ON.

### Safety awards

Winner of this past year's James L. Abraham Pipeline Construction Safety Award in the mainline category was O.J. Pipelines Canada. In the distribution division, 20,000 plus man-hour category, the winner was Aecon Civil & Utilities. The specialty contractor – transportation category was awarded to Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P. and the specialty contractor other – directional drilling award went to Michels Canada.

This year's recipients of the Jack Cressey Future Leader Award were Jarrod Serre, of Aecon Civil and Utility, and Dean Kilgour of Waschuk Pipe Line Construction Ltd. This award recognizes leadership and is open to all association members' employees who have not yet attained executive status in their company.

The 2008 annual convention will take place at the Hyatt Regency Maui in Lahaina, HI, from April 14-18, 2008. The 2009 annual meeting is scheduled for St. John's, Newfoundland, in June.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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PLCAC president David Johnstone of T.W. Johnstone Company, Ltd. from London, Ontario addresses the annual general meeting.





