

## February Board of Directors Meeting Highlights

*The MCAM Board of Directors is comprised of a cross section of Industry members; Residential through Heavy Industrial, urban and rural, sub-contractors, engineers and associate members. The Board meets monthly September through June and is served by standing committees, advisory councils and working groups.*

### TradeConnect 2024 - April 10th

ECAM & MCAM are hosting a joint Conference on April 10th. Join us for a day filled with inspiration, education, camaraderie, trade booths and a glimpse into the evolution of the trades. Featuring Keynotes from Jon Montgomery, Bill Ferreira and ASHRAE guest, Tim Wentz. Register [HERE](#).

### Delineation of Responsibilities for Contractors involved in BIM projects

Sean Usher, the Director of Design Technology & Innovation at Republic Architecture, offered insights on mitigating issues associated with BIM. He emphasized the importance of incorporating a BIM execution plan into contracts to proactively address challenges. Additionally, he advocated for raising awareness about ISO19650 and the significance of IPD/CCDC30 principles. Sean will be delving into further detail in a breakout session at TradeConnect 2024.

### Student Chapter Summit

Erin Delichte, Connor Hladun, and Umindu Pathira, members of the MCAM-UofM Price Faculty of Engineering Student Chapter, provided an overview of their experience at the Student Chapter Summit held in Toronto. The theme of the three-day program was the pivotal role of Mechanical Contractors in attaining Net Zero, with an emphasis on the decarbonization of heating and cooling systems. Students engaged in educational sessions, site visits, professional networking opportunities, and a stimulating bid competition.

### MCAM Post-Secondary Scholarship - Marc Lynch Award

The Marc Lynch Award is a legacy in honour of Marc Lynch of Randall Plumbing and Heating Ltd. The scholarship is intended for MCAM member companies' staff and families. It will be awarded to students pursuing a post-secondary program in any recognized educational institution and discipline. Apply [HERE](#).

### CSA Technical Subcommittees

CSA is seeking additional members for Technical Subcommittee Groups for B51 & B52. Find the list of subcommittees here. Email Executive Director, Ramona Coey [ramona@mcamb.ca](mailto:ramona@mcamb.ca) if interested in joining a subcommittee.

### Welcome New Members

#### Efficiency Manitoba

Efficiency Manitoba aims to reduce energy consumption in Manitoba through cost-effective programs. Their mission is to implement innovative approaches for energy reduction that benefit both the environment and the economy, helping Manitobans save energy, money, and preserve the environment. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

#### Meridian Plumbing & Heating

Meridian Plumbing and Heating Ltd is a mechanical contractor serving Manitoba since 2014. They pride themselves on ensuring every aspect of each project they undertake is performed to the highest possible standard. Their goal is to establish and develop lasting relationships with customers by focusing on safety, quality, and project delivery. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).

#### Southwest Fire Protection

Southwest Fire Protection provides fire suppression installations, inspections, testing, and emergency services. Their expertise ensures the protection of your assets and the provision of a safe and secure work environment for your employees. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).

### Meeting with Ministers

Executive Director, Ramona Coey, alongside representatives from ECAM and MCAM, have been engaging in high-level discussions with Provincial Ministers addressing critical industry matters. These discussions encompass tackling the skilled labor shortage, Bill 38, enhancing education and awareness initiatives aimed at inspiring youth to pursue a career in trades, implementing targeted newcomer programs, and addressing concerns regarding environmental sustainability and climate change.

### Sunbelt Rentals Spring BBQ and Open House

MCAM members are invited to Sunbelt Rentals Spring BBQ and Open House on March 22nd from 11AM - 2PM. See more [HERE](#).

### Crane & Timber Open House

MCAM members are invited to Crane & Timber's Open House on March 8th from 12PM - 6PM. See more [HERE](#).

### MCAM Hosts Western Regional Meeting for MCA Canada

The Executive Director provided an update regarding plans for the upcoming Western Regional Meetings. MCAM Members will have the opportunity to Network with delegates from Western Canada and MCAC and share industry concerns. Delegates will then participate in meetings gearing up for the MCAC mid-year meetings and Parliamentary Lobby day in May.



*Julien Lafleche, MCAM President*

Julien has served on MCAM Board of Directors since 2014. His passion for the industry and 24 years of experience started early. He spent High School summers working as a civil contractor before transitioning to an apprentice Steamfitter. Julien is the President and CEO of ServcoCanada company.