

January 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.

Fred Nicholson's Obituary

With sadness MCAM announces the passing of Fred Lorence Nicholson; past Executive Director of MCAM. Find the obituary [HERE](#).

TradeConnect 2024 - April 10th – Advancing Mechanical and Electrical Synergy

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 Jon Montgomery and Bill Ferreira. Find program details, sponsorship opportunities and registration [HERE](#).

Prompt Payment Adjudication Body

MCAM will be meeting with WCA and industry partners to consider details of an industry proposal establishing an Adjudication Body managing the adjudication framework as a result of anticipated Prompt Payment Legislation.

Save the Date - 2024 President's Ball

Save the date for the 2024 President's Ball to be held at the The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre on April 26, 2024.

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. Available to member companies and families! Kindly display the poster in the lunchroom and common areas, distribute it among employees, and discuss the scholarship program during team meetings. Apply [HERE](#).

Next Gen Give Back

The Next Gen committee will be giving back by volunteer at Siloam Mission and the Samantha Mason Foundation, MCAM's Charities of Choice.

Welcome New Members

A&P Plumbing and Heating

A&P Plumbing and Heating provide Winnipeg with a variety of plumbing and heating services specializing in commercial buildings, condominiums and apartment construction. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).

Cleanflow Utility Supply Company

Cleanflow Utility Supply Company is a provider for water quality professionals, supplying products for water and sewage treatment plants, as well as rural infrastructure maintenance. Beyond water professionals, Cleanflow serves Public Works Departments and a variety of industries online, delivering durable products for field use. Learn more about this member [HERE](#).

February Lunch & Learn - February 29th

Join us February 29th at the Holiday Inn Express. Featuring Apprenticeship Manitoba on ACB Website School & Exam Readiness Tools and GEOptimize on Piping Design for Ground Source Heat Pumps. Register [HERE](#).

Delineation of Responsibilities for Contractors involved in BIM projects

The Board discussed BIM and the current challenges in contract agreements. Contracts are awarded stipulating drawings should be provided at the Level of Development (LUD) 300 stage, with Trade contractors responsible for advancing them to LUD 400. However, Trade Contractors are having to allocate overhead resources to bring drawings to LUD 300. MCAM will investigate best practices in markets whereby BIM is commonly adopted and will explore opportunities to educate its members and work with Industry partners.

MCAM on CJOB

MCAM would like to thank Richard Cloutier and CJOB for spotlighting Electrical and Mechanical contractors and skilled trades in the year-end special, "Ring in The News Year with Richard Cloutier." MCAM appreciated the opportunity to showcase Manitoba's skilled tradespeople, working to "Build Manitoba" on various job sites. Listen to the interviews [HERE](#).

Cellphone Usage on Jobsites

The Board discussed the challenge of establishing cell phone policies for job sites. While cell phones are essential tools for certain roles, they pose hazards when not used safely. Balancing the need for communication with the potential hazards requires careful consideration in developing effective policies. MCAM will be researching Cellphone Best Practices.

Availability of Apprenticeship Training Classes

Apprenticeship Manitoba is reviewing the unmet in-class training demand on a trade-by-trade basis, working with the training providers to add additional seats for the April 1/24 - March 31/25 time frame. Demand is established by waitlists. It is imperative if your apprentice was unsuccessful in registering for training, they request their name be added. Your apprentice must contact their Apprenticeship Training Coordinator (ATC) to add their name to the waitlist. Find ATC contact info [HERE](#).



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.