

## November 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.*

### MCAC Executive Meets with WCA Executive

WCA visited the MCAM offices to meet with the MCAC Executive. It was a productive meeting which illustrated the potential for collaboration in the future. Agenda items included MCAM member access to WCA Buildworks, Provincial Adoption of the 2020 National building code, Prompt Payment legislation, MCAC change order guide and health and safety protocols. Dan Olson (ABCO Supply & Service) volunteered to be an alternate for MCAM on the WCA Committee when Brad Mason (DMS Industrial Constructors) is not available.

### Save the Date! President's Ball- May 5th, 2023

The social committee has begun the planning for the 2023 President's Ball! This highly anticipated event will take place at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre on May 5th. Sponsorship opportunities and additional information to come.

### Cheers to the Pioneers

Pioneer Night took place at St. Charles Country Club on October 13th, 2022. The board was in agreement that the evening was a success. [Read more about the Pioneer Night here.](#) The pioneers have been invited to a lunch with the Board of Directors at the MCAM offices. This lunch will take place on November 29th and will provide pioneers with the chance to connect and look through pictures that MCAM has collected over the years.

### Potential for Membership Dues to Increase – First time in 13 Years

The motion to increase open shop dues by 10% for 2023 and annual increases to compensate for inflation and Associate Member dues from \$500 to \$600 was passed. There will be a Special Membership meeting called in December to bring this motion forward to MCAM Members.

### Next Gen Wine Tasting- Thursday, November 17th

The Next Gen Wine Tasting Event presented by Pitblado Law took place on November 17th at Kitchen Sync. Scott Hammond, Partner with SMS Engineering, led attendees through an engaging discussion on Net Zero Carbon - Opportunities for Mechanical Contractors. A unique dinner tasting menu and wine pairings were served to guests. Read more about the Wine Tasting Event [here.](#)

### Student Chapter

Ramona Coey (Executive Director, MCAM) met with the Student Chapter to discuss ways MCAM can offer them support. There will be a Speed Interview event on January 24th, 2023 in which MCAM members are encouraged to participate. Additionally, the Student Chapter is hosting a wine and cheese event to fundraise for the Student Summit and an "Ask me Anything" event featuring past Student Chapter members who are now working in the Mechanical Industry. The MCAM Student Chapter provides future Engineers the opportunity to gain experience in the Mechanical contracting Industry. The Industry they will be working for, designing for or hiring during their careers.

### Throne Speech

Ramona Coey (Executive Director, MCAM) attended the Throne Speech and noted that there was an emphasis on a commitment to workforce development and word of exciting building projects to come.

### MCAM Lunch & Learn- Friday, November 25th

MCAM's Lunch & Learn will take place at Inn at the Forks, Friday, November 25th. This sold-out event will feature topics including, Industry Labour Shortage – a Prospective from Apprenticeship Manitoba and Air Quality Standards from ASHRAE.

### Development & Building Permits FAQ

The Separation of Development and Building Permits became effective November 14th, 2023. Find answers to frequently asked questions about the changes to the development & building permits in Winnipeg by [clicking here.](#)

### New Mechanical BDS and CADS Documents

Effective Monday, November 14, 2022, the Building Design Summary (BDS) and Commercial Alterations Design Summary (CADS) documents have been updated and the former documents will no longer be accepted. [Find the updated documents here.](#)

### Communications Report

Alyssa Jonasson (MCAM) has developed a monthly communications report. This report will help bring awareness of social media activity to the Board and will illustrate how members are engaging with MCAM on social platforms.

### Holiday Reception- Thursday, December 8th

Join us in celebrating the holiday season with fellow association members at James Avenue Pumphouse on December 8th. There will be cocktails, musical entertainment and appetizers. [See more and RSVP here.](#)

### MCAC Change Order Guide

MCAM National Director, Brad Mason (ServcoCanda), provided an update of the MCAC Change Order Guide. MCAC is seeking endorsement from the NTCCC and other National Partners. MCAM board members were asked to review the guide for official endorsement at the December Board of Directors Meeting. The Guide may be found [HERE.](#)

### Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition Update

The Manitoba Prompt Payment Coalition Co-Chairs, Brad Mason (ServcoCanada) and Ramona Coey (MCAM) advised they have been invited to participate in working groups created by the Government of Manitoba to provide feedback on potential legislative amendments to the Builders Liens Act, incorporated a prompt payment regime as well as an adjudication model to support a prompt payment structure.

### Holiday Hampers- Wednesday, December 21st

Sponsor, nominate and/or volunteer to spread some happiness this holiday season! Many sponsorship opportunities available. [Learn more and register here.](#)

### MCAM Budget Preparation

The Executive Committee advised they will be bringing forward the 2023 Draft Budget at the December Board of Directors meetings. The Executive is giving further consideration to potential revenue streams, new MCAM programming and traditional spending.

### MCAM & ECAM Workplace Safety & Health Act Review

Government of Manitoba is conducting a review of the Workplace Safety & Health Act and is seeking input from the industry and public. MCAM & ECAM have formed a joint committee of association member safety professionals to review and provide recommendations for submission. Contact [Ramona@mcamb.ca](mailto:Ramona@mcamb.ca) to provide your suggestion to the committee.



*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 DMS Industrial Constructors Inc. a ServcoCanada company.