

October 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.

CSA B51 Boiler, Pressure Vessel & Pressure Piping Code – Draft New Edition

The Canadian Standards Association has prepared a draft of the New Edition of CSA B51. MCAM has communicated the association's interest in being consulted by CSA prior to adoption of the new edition and requested an extension to the consultation period. MCAM is set to host an inclusive membership read-through of the draft Code, should the opportunity for additional consultation be provided.

COR Certification Requirements for MCAM Members

MCAM is transitioning membership requirements, shifting from mandatory COR/SECOR qualification to a request for information regarding the member's safety program.

Apprenticeship - Supervisor Ratio

During the 2023 Provincial election, the NDP party announced intentions to restore the Apprentice to Journeyman ratio to 1:1. In 2021 MCAM advocated for maintaining the 1:1 ratio highlighting change would disrupt Industry's sensitive bidding system; where estimates are heavily weighted to labour. In anticipation of government following through with this election promise, MCAM is preparing a policy statement focused on maintaining status quo. MCAM identified change would again impact industry's sensitive bidding system as well as impact the sustainability of current projects, should ratios change mid-project. The Board further deliberated on the issues of safety, industry labour shortage, financial risks and affordable housing.

MCAC National Conference

Executive Director, Ramona Coey and Board Members, Julien Lafleche, Brad Mason, and Andy Taylor participated in the MCAC National Conference held in Napa, California. Notable discussions revolved around the labour shortage, the anticipated boom in construction work, the National Change Order Guide, the Mechanical Contractors role in achieving Net Zero, Women in construction and the integration of artificial intelligence into the future of the construction industry.

PM for Contractors – MCAC - University of Waterloo Certificate Program

The Board of Directors discussed the value for MCAM members hosting the MCAC – University of Waterloo – Project Managers for Trade Contractors certificate program. Past graduates of the program spoke to the value of the program and commitment to registering up and coming Project Managers. MCAM will host the 10-day program in the new year in 3 segments. The programs provide for 15 Gold Seal Credits and 70 PDUs. Watch for details – the program will sell out quickly.

Pioneer Night - October 12th

Pioneer Night, held on October 12th at St. Charles Country Club, was an event celebrating MCAM Pioneers and the induction of Eric Henstridge into their ranks. Read more highlights from the event [HERE](#).

Next Gen Tequila Tasting - November 16th

November 16th at Kitchen Sync, indulge in a delectable Mexican-inspired menu and savor meticulously hand-picked tequila and mezcal varieties curated by sommelier, Darren Raeside.

November Lunch & Learn - November 23rd

Join us November 23rd at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights. Featuring Manitoba Hydro on the Integrated Resource Plan and 365 Technologies on Cybersecurity for the Non-Technical CEO. Register [HERE](#).

Building code Inspection Deficiencies

Questions related to inspection deficiencies? Before filing for an appeal, contact Joe Kasprick, Program Manager – Building Codes, Inspections and Technical Services: 204-795-2587 | Joe.Kasprick@gov.mb.ca

Lunch & Learn Series

MCAM is delighted to announce the continuation of our Lunch & Learn series, featuring an array of informative presentations. The event begins with coffee and a chance to explore exhibitor booths. The main program features two industry topic presentations and Presenting Sponsor showcases. Enjoy lunch during these engaging sessions, seamlessly combining learning and dining. This format promises a well-rounded, enriching experience, fostering connections and providing insights into industry innovations, policies, news, and more. Find the upcoming sessions [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.