

September 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.

Manitoba's Gasfitter Certification in Saskatchewan

Stephen Friedt, Chief Inspector of Gas & Plumbing at TSASK, outlined the process for accepting Manitoba's Gasfitter Certification in Saskatchewan. Interested individuals can visit tsak.ca, navigate to the gas licensing section, complete the Gasfitter/Contractor application, upload their Manitoba qualifications, and await TSASK's verification via ITS. Once verified, applicants can pay the required fee for a 1-4-year period. It's important to note that regulated work necessitates a permit, which only licensed contractors can apply for.

Apprenticeship Manitoba Awards of Distinction

MCAM is proudly sponsoring the Apprenticeship Manitoba Awards of Distinction and will be present at the event set for November 15th. The Gala celebrates those individuals who have devoted their expertise and energy to mentoring apprentices and elevate the profile of apprentices and certification in skilled trades. See more [HERE](#).

MCAM Golf Tournament

The Jamie McNabb Memorial Golf Tournament was a sold-out event bringing over 170 golfers from member companies. The Tournament took place Thursday, August 10th at Breezy Bend Country Club. The Golf Committee and Board of Directors agreed the new format provided opportunity for all interested members to participate. Read highlights from the event [HERE](#).

O&M Manuals and Trade Definition Concerns

An MCAM working group met with ECAM and ACEC to address O&M Manual and Trade Definition concerns. The working group identified a best practices O&M Manual checklist would be an asset for industry. Further, additional awareness efforts of the Manitoba Trade Definition Resource with the consulting community is required. The MCAM Board agreed and directed MCAM to continue with this collaborative project.

Oil and Gasfitter Exam Prep Course

A working group was established to consider demand for an exam preparation workshop for Oil and gasfitter exam preparation. MCAM representatives met with Apprenticeship Manitoba as well as communicated with ITS, reviewing course demand and completion rates. Apprenticeship Manitoba has a specialized exam readiness tool in place, enabling individuals to assess their readiness for further education or to take examination itself. The working group will review the information provided and provide recommendations to the Board of Directors.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

- Depth Engineering designs building-wide HVAC and Plumbing systems. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).
- Ambit Engineering is a Winnipeg-based firm focused on providing mechanical and electrical engineering design services for the construction industry in Manitoba. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).
- Sigfusson Northern is a heavy civil contractor operating from Northern Ontario to British Columbia. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

Pioneer Night - October 12th

Pioneer Night will celebrate our industry pioneers and the induction of **Eric Henstridge of Comco Pipe & Supply**. Join us on October 12th at St. Charles Country club. Find registration and sponsorship opportunity details [HERE](#).

Plumbing as a Compulsory Trade

The board discussed the issue of plumbing not being a compulsory trade in Manitoba. MCAM is steadfastly committed to advocacy efforts in pursuit of this change and has identified this as an item for discussion with the new government formed October 3rd.

PM for Contractors – MCAC - University of Waterloo Certificate Program

The Board of Directors discussed the value for MCAM members in hosting the MCAC – University of Waterloo – Project Managers for 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. Watch for details – the program will sell out quickly.

Election Day

Manitoba officially called its 43rd provincial general election, scheduled Tuesday, October 3, 2023. MCAM identified critical industry issues and invited party leaders to engage in authentic dialogue. Watch your inbox Friday, September 29th to hear what they had to say regarding Prompt Payment Legislation, the Construction Industry Wage act, authentic industry engagement and more. For voting information, please click [HERE](#). Make your voice heard; don't forget to cast your ballot on election day.

Lunch & Learn Series

MCAM is delighted to announce the continuation of our Lunch & Learn series, featuring an array of informative presentations. Starting at 11:00 AM, join us for coffee and a chance to explore exhibitor booths. At 11:30 AM, our main program commences, featuring 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 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.