

## 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.*

### **BACnet Designs**

Grant Wichenko, President of Appin Associates, updated the board on evolving BACnet design practices. Traditionally, in construction contracts, the data from equipment (CRACs, UPSs) came from a third party BACnet or proprietary gateway that were supplied and installed by a third-party integrator or the Controls Subcontractor. However, the industry is changing, and equipment suppliers provide and install BACnet gateways at the factory. The BACnet information is now a component that is managed from design submittal to installation as well as the commissioning and turnover processes outlined in the Construction Agreement. Appin's Networked Controls Model supports MEP trades by aligning with current Trade Definitions and responsibilities. The MCAM board recognizes the need to anticipate industry changes and may suggest reviewing trade definitions and engaging in proactive discussions to adapt accordingly.

### **BIM Certificate Program**

The University of Manitoba Extended Education is now offering a Building Information Modeling (BIM) Management Certificate program. Learn to effectively manage your part of a project's lifecycle and work within the AECOO team by adding our Building Information Modeling Management certificate to your resume. Build on your career in Architecture, Engineering, Construction, or as an Owner or Operator as you gain important knowledge about digital construction and BIM project management processes that are being adopted around the world. Read more about the certificate program [HERE](#).

### **CCA-1 Review**

The National Trade Contractors Council of Canada (NTCCC) are conducting a review the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCA-1) contract for the purpose of providing cautionary notes and observations. Feedback from MCAM has been requested, and a subcommittee will be established to assist with this review.

### **Social Procurement Roundtable**

MCAM representatives participated in the Social Procurement Roundtable with the City of Winnipeg. The Board expressed interest in exploring this topic further and will follow up with MCAC to compare procurement procedures across Canada.

### **Apprenticeship Ratio Update**

MCAM representative on the Apprenticeship and Certification Board reported October 30th is the deadline for the ratio change to be implemented. Once in effect, all new apprentices will be trained at a 1:1 ratio, current apprentices will maintain their 2:1 ratio as long as they remain at their current employer. Explore the frequently asked questions created by Apprenticeship Manitoba to address this recent change in ratio [HERE](#).

### **MCAM Golf Extravaganza**

Thank you to the golfers and sponsors that supported the Jamie McNabb Memorial Golf Tournament held August 8th, 2024, at Breezy Bend. Read about the highlights from the day [HERE](#).

### **In Memoriam: Bill Atkinson**

A moment of silence was held for William "Bill" Atkinson. Bill founded ABCO Supply & Service in 1972. Bill was a highly respected colleague of the Mechanical Industry, from industry leaders through young apprentices. Bill established an endowment fund with Red River College annually providing scholarships to apprentices of the piping trades. MCAM extends our deepest sympathies to the Atkinson family. Find Bill's obituary [HERE](#).

### **Meeting with Minister of Finance**

Executive Director Ramona Coey and MCAM Board representatives, Past President, Julien Lafleche and National Director, Brad Mason toured ServcoCanada with Honourable Adrien Sala, Minister of Finance. Discussions focused on Manitoba's developing Energy Policy designed to meet Manitoba's growing energy needs as well as strengthen Manitoba's capacity to support and attract private investment.

### **Prompt Payment Update**

Executive Director, Ramona Coey and Brad Mason (ServcoCanada) will serve on the Manitoba Builders' Liens Modernization Advisory Council reviewing draft regulations for Builders Lien Act. To bring The Builders' Liens Amendment Act (Prompt Payment) into force the minister must first designate a person or entity as the authority to adjudicate disputes (the adjudication authority) in November/December 2024 (regulation #1). This will enable a second regulation to be developed to fully implement the prompt payment scheme, including forms, by April 1, 2025.

### **Energy Policy Consultation**

Executive Director Ramona Coey attended an Energy Policy Consultation that laid the groundwork for the upcoming energy policy. Efforts are underway to develop plans for future initiatives.

### **Welcome New Members**

#### AMC Foam Technologies

AMC Foam is a Manitoba-based family business established in 1995 that has developed innovative EPS insulation products. The company aims to enhance energy efficiency in construction while simplifying the building process. AMC provides expertise and support throughout the design and installation phases. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

#### People Corporation

People Corporation is a Canadian company that specializes in employee benefits, group retirement, and HR services. They use technology to streamline benefits administration and tailor solutions to meet the needs of various businesses. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

#### Toromont CAT Power Systems

Toromont Cat Power Systems provides backup and prime power generation systems, rental generators, marine engines, and industrial engines, offering customized engineering and packaging solutions. As a division of Toromont Industries, the Power Systems division focuses on power generation, power quality, and related services. Learn more about this new member [HERE](#).

### **MCAC Annual National Conference**

Register for the Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada 81st Annual National Conference in Austin, Texas November 27-30, 2024! Join MCAC in Austin's Hill Country for a great program of networking, education, and social events [HERE](#).

### **MCAC Nominations**

Nominations are open for MCAC's Life Member Award, Lloyd MacLean Memorial Award, Gary Greig Memorial Award and Doug Crawford Memorial Award. These prestigious awards will be presented at the MCAC Annual National Conference. Learn more and nominate [HERE](#).



Wayne McKenzie, MCAM President

Wayne has been on MCAMs Board of Directors since 2014. He is the President of Randall Plumbing & Heating where he started over 32 years ago. Wayne graduated from Red River College with Business Administration and is a Journeyman Plumber. His favourite MCAM events are the President's Ball & Golf Tournament Wayne says, "If you're going to do something, do it right the first time or don't bother doing it at all!". Wayne is chair of the MCAM Membership Committee.