

SCA Board of Directors Meeting - January 2016 Summary

On January 21 the SCA Board of Directors met for their first full Board Meeting of the year. In addition to a full slate of administrative reports the board addressed upcoming priorities including prompt payment, Joint Board Committees, SCA staffing, Trade Up branding, and committee appointments.

Coming out of administrative reports the board approved expenditures to retain the services of Aplin Group for recruitment relating to the vacant SCA manager position and to retain the services of an event planner to manage the SCA Summer Meeting at Elk Ridge. The board also agreed to seek a one-year extension of the Trade Up licensing contract to properly rebrand the workforce development service after a copyright claim was made against the name. Finally, the board delegated authority to the Finance and Audit Committee to approve a 3-month contract extension, made by the CEO, with the Ministry of Economy regarding industry workforce development funding.

With respect to ongoing priorities, the SCA has agreed to join the formal Prompt Payment Working Group being developed by the Advisory Council, including commitment of the required financial resources. The board also approved continued development of two Joint Committees – one between the SCA and partner local construction associations and one between the SCA and the Saskatchewan Heavy Construction Association (SHCA) – that will include COOs as representatives from each partner association. The Joint Boards will address issues relevant between associations but that cannot be decided at the sole discretion of any one association, such as cooperation, resource sharing, and operations agreements.

The board discussed various partnerships and appropriate appointments to other boards. It was determined the SCA would renew the appointments of Corey Hunchak and Kim Sutherland on the Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association (SCSA) Board of Directors for 2016 and reappoint Corey Hunchak as the SCA's voting representative on the CANet Board of Directors, while appointing Cory Richter as the alternate representative. The board also endorsed a reciprocal sponsorship relationship between the SCA and the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC).

The board accepted recent financial statements and an updated Financial Policy from the Finance and Audit Committee. The board also directed the Governance Committee to review

SCA Election Policy to address concerns raised in the Election Report about discretion regarding the deadline for receipt of paper ballots. The board appointed each member to either the Finance and Audit Committee or the Governance Committee for the year and directed committees to identify their non-board member representatives.

Finally, the board welcomed Laird Ritchie as the new chair and Rob Istace as the new Vice Chair of the Advisory Council, the SCA-supported, industry-leading discussion and cooperation forum.

Coming out of the meeting, the SCA is working towards securing responses from industry associations regarding the proposed Prompt Payment Working Group and focusing on the development of member programs that will create value. On the administrative side, the SCA will continue to work towards filling its staffing vacancy and ensuring proper knowledge transfer and completion of priority objectives in light of the vacancy.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 21, 2016 in Saskatoon. However, the SCA is exploring the possibility of moving that meeting date and location.

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