

SCA Board of Directors Meeting – June 2018 Summary

On June 14, 2018, the SCA Board of Directors held their second meeting of the year, in Moose Jaw.

The SCA welcomed Board members from the Moose Jaw Construction Association for lunch, and had a guest presentation from Jeff Harrison from MNP on the pros/cons of Saskatchewan moving to a Harmonized Sales Tax.

While the Board discussed a wide range of items during the six-hour meeting, there were several items that the Board wanted to communicate to our Local association partners and our members:

No change to SCA membership fee

The SCA Board has decided to make no change to the SCA membership fee for the third consecutive year. The fee will remain at \$500 for the coming membership year.

Prompt Payment legislation is imminent

The provincial government has now committed, in writing, to introduce Prompt Payment legislation during the Fall 2018 sitting of the legislature. If the legislation stays on schedule, it should be passed in Spring 2019 and could become Saskatchewan law by the end of 2019. This provides a window of time for the SCA and its partners to educate the industry, consultants, owners, and the legal community about the changes and their implications. The changes will be part of a series of amendments to *The Builders' Lien Act*. The SCA is supportive of the introduction of Prompt Payment in legislation, but has not yet seen any other proposed amendments to the *Lien Act*.

The SCA is calling on all SCA members to call their MLAs over the Summer and indicate their support for Prompt Payment. Additionally, if any contractor members are also members of their local Homebuilder Association, they should contact those associations and tell them to support the legislation too.

Helping members navigate procurement problems

The provincial government continues to move to full implementation of Best Value procurement. The SCA is very active in working with Priority Saskatchewan – the provincial lead on procurement continuous improvement. While progress is being made, many members still encounter challenges during the RFP and Tender phases of a project. Often



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the problems relate to inconsistent scoring of various elements, lack of information regarding what will be scored or how it will be scored, unreasonable expectations, etc.

The SCA has been very successful in helping members address concerns and get RFP and Tender documents changed prior to close of competition. The SCA Board encourages members who run into issues during procurement to reach out to John Lax or Mark Cooper at the SCA and ask for assistance.

Joint Board Planning

The SCA board hopes to move forward with a joint planning session with the Boards for the SCA and each of the local associations. The SCA Board hopes to hold this session in Davidson in September. The session is intended to include Board members only. Local Association Boards are asked to provide their thoughts on potential topics, facilitators, and the availability for a full-day session in Davidson in September.

SCA Elections

Nominations will open in September for the one vacant Director-at-Large position on the SCA Board. Individuals that are interested in putting their names forward for consideration in this election should contact Amanda Thick at the SCA office at 306-525-0171.

Elections for the SCA Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be held during the September Board meeting. Current Chair Cory Richter, and current Vice-Chair Miles Dyck have both indicated their intention to let their names stand for a second year.

Nomination to the Apprenticeship Board

The SCA has three appointees that sit on the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission Board. One of these appointees, Blaine Braun, has accepted a new job out of the province and so resigned his position on the SATCC Board. The SCA thanks Blaine for his service.

After an open call for nominations for the SATCC Board, the SCA Board has decided to nominate Ian Knibbs, of Coram Construction, to represent the SCA and industry on the SATCC Board. Thanks to Ian for putting his name forward.

Next SCA Board Meeting

The next SCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 13, 2018 in Prince Albert. Members of the PACA Board of Directors will be invited to join the SCA Board for lunch, and the Board plans to receive a guest presentation from Paul Carter, Dean of the Construction School at Saskatchewan Polytechnic.

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