

SCA Board of Directors Meeting – March 2018 Summary

On March 8, 2018, the SCA Board of Directors held their first meeting of the year, in Regina. New SCA Board members: Chris Doka; Nick Friesen; Mike Lawton; and Matt Walker were welcomed to their first Board meeting. The SCA Board received reports from each of its local associations, committees, the industry Advisory Council, and several external organizations for which the SCA has appointed representatives.

The Board spent time reviewing and discussing the lobbying priorities for the construction industry and the development of relationships with the new provincial government. In particular the Board stressed the importance of continuing to build strong relationships with the new Premier and his team.

All indications are that Saskatchewan will be the second province in Canada to introduce and pass Prompt Payment legislation. The SCA has been working with industry partners and the provincial government to review the Ontario legislation and prepare similar legislation for Saskatchewan. The SCA Board heard that the SCA still anticipates this legislation being introduced during the 2018 Spring session of the legislature, which just started this week.

The SCA has been involved in provincial consultations regarding climate change and the provincial government's strategy to address the realities of climate change. This is of particular interest to the construction industry as design and construction will be essential to climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas emission reduction. SCA Board member Matt Walker has taken the lead on this file for the association.

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 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. The SCA will communicate more about this in the coming weeks.

Planning for the 2018 SCA Annual Summer Meeting is well underway. The event will take place and will take place May 30 – June 1, 2018 at Elk Ridge near Waskesiu.

The next SCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018 in Moose Jaw.