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SCA Board of Directors Meeting – September 2018 Summary

On September 13, 2018, the SCA Board of Directors held their third meeting of the year, in Prince Albert. The meeting was hosted by the B&B Construction Group. Thanks so much to B&B for the use and tour of their great facility! You were amazing hosts!

The SCA welcomed Board members from the Prince Albert Construction Association (PACA) for lunch, and had a guest presentation from Paul Carter, the Dean of the Construction School at the Saskatchewan Polytechnic. The SCA Board really enjoyed their conversations with the PACA Board and were appreciative of the time Paul Carter took to meet with the two groups.

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

No Major Changes to the Advisory Council

The SCA Board discussed a proposal to reform the Advisory Council into a Saskatchewan Construction Council. Based on feedback from Advisory Council members, no such change will be made. Instead, following the advice of the Council, the SCA Board has asked the Governance Committee to work with the Council to adjust the Council's Terms of Reference to better reflect its functional mandate. As well, the SCA will explore options for a small fee increase for those associations that pay to belong to the Council. This will have no impact on the Local Associations, who today do not pay to belong to the Council, and who benefit from the membership dues they receive from associations that join the Council. The revised Terms of Reference will be considered at the next meeting of the SCA Board in December.

SCA Board wants Prompt Payment for All

With the imminent introduction of Prompt Payment legislation this Fall, some opposition from small corners of the residential housing market has arisen. This is primarily from developers who are reluctant to commit to paying their contractors in a timely manner. There has been a proposal to remove residential construction from the requirements of prompt payment. The SCA Board considered this position at its meeting, and heard feedback from a similar discussion at the recent Advisory Council meeting. The SCA Board unanimously endorsed the idea that all parts of Saskatchewan's construction industry should be subject to the requirements of Prompt Payment legislation. The SCA will work with our partners on the

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Council and in the Prompt Payment Saskatchewan group, to ensure this legislation proceeds, and passes, as planned.

SCA Executive Elected

The SCA Board elected its Chair and Vice-Chair for the 2019 year. Cory Richter, of Quorex Construction, was acclaimed to serve as Board Chair for a second, and final, one-year term. Miles Dyck, of Gang-Nail Truss, was acclaimed to serve as Board Vice-Chair for a second, and final, one-year term.

Joint Board Planning

After discussions with the Saskatoon and Regina association Presidents, the SCA Board Chair, Cory Richter, chose to postpone the planned Joint Board planning session until sometime in 2019. The intention is to bring together the Boards and staff of all five integrated partner associations for a facilitated planning session to determine how all associations can collaborate effectively and ensure greatest value for the members. The timing of this session will be determined by the association Boards in the coming months.

SCA Meeting Schedule and Governance Year

The SCA Board has approved its meeting schedule for the 2019 year. All the meeting dates will be provided to our local association partners and to all incoming Board members. Additionally the SCA Board approved a plan to shift the SCA Governance Year to begin on January 1st, instead of following the SCA AGM. This will allow the first Board event of every year to be the SCA Board retreat in January/February. This change will require an SCA Bylaw change, which will be proposed in time for the SCA AGM. Individuals who are elected, or appointed, to serve on the SCA Board this Fall, will take office effective January 1st if these changes proceed. However, all new Board members will be invited to attend the December Board meeting in Saskatoon in a non-voting capacity if they wish to do so.

ISNet Policy Position Drafted

The SCA opposes the use, by public procurement agencies, of ISNet and other similar third-party verification systems that download costs and administration on to contractors. This is a long-held position of the SCA. The SCA Board is currently drafting an official policy position on this issue, which will be finalized for approval by the December Board meeting. This policy position will be used in SCA lobbying to attempt to stop the advancement of ISNet and to roll it back where it has already been introduced by public agencies.

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Next SCA Board Meeting

The next full SCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018 in Saskatoon. Members of the Saskatoon Construction Association Board of Directors will be invited to join the SCA Board for lunch, and the Board plans to receive a guest presentation from the Saskatchewan Indian Institute of Technology.

Additional Items

In addition to the items noted above, the SCA Board held discussions on the following topics during the meeting:

- Received reports from each of the four local associations;
- Reviewed membership numbers and talked about the impact of declining numbers;
- Reviewed the final report on the 2017-2018 SCA operating plan and discussed plans for finalizing the 2018-2019 operating plan (to be finalized in November);
- Received reports from all the SCA Committees: Finance and Audit; Governance; Advisory Council; and HR and Compensation;
- Discussed plans for an updated SCA website and database, and noted the importance of working together with integrated partner associations towards a common solution, especially on the database front;
- Had presentations from Board members on the SCA governance model and on the five dysfunctions of a team, continuing the Board development work that has been ongoing throughout the year;
- Discussed, in small groups, the best speakers and content for the planned 2018 Procurement Day in Saskatoon in December;
- Received reports from SCA external appointments, including: CCA; and SATCC;
- Received an update on other advocacy issues that the SCA is working on; and
- Discussed changes to the SCA President's employment contract.

A copy of the DRAFT minutes from the meeting will be provided to each LCA when they have been reviewed and approved by the SCA Board Chair. If anyone has any questions or concerns about anything they've read in here, please contact Mark Cooper (SCA President) by phone at 306-527-6854 or email at: president@scaonline.ca.