

SCA Board of Directors Meeting – December 2018

Summary

On December 13, 2018, the SCA held its fourth and final full meeting of the 2017-2018 year. The meeting was held in Saskatoon only one day after the first-ever Saskatchewan Procurement Day.

The SCA Board of Directors welcomed members of the Saskatoon Construction Association Board of Directors and staff for lunch and discussion around Procurement Day – which the associations hosted together – and other priorities in 2019.

As usual, the Board's conversations covered a broad list of operational, and industry issues. The following summary covers key items the Board flagged for communication to Local association partners and members.

Plans to work with partners on PST research

The SCA Board has decided work with partners to study the economic impact of the PST on construction labour. This study was proposed by Merit Contractors. The SCA will work with Merit and other willing partners to complete this study in 2019.

Prompt Payment Education Plans

The SCA will be working – most likely with a legal firm – to plan and deliver prompt payment education sessions in the months ahead. The provincial government introduced prompt payment legislation on November 20, 2018, and the bill will work its way through the legislature by May 16, 2019. To ensure a well-crafted and broadly supported law, informing stakeholders will be critical. Some opposition has been voiced to prompt payment, particularly from the residential sector which has sought an exemption. Preliminary evidence indicates that opposition is abandoned when stakeholders are fully and properly informed about how prompt payment functions.

Positive feedback on Procurement Day and future plans

Feedback from attendees and input from both the SCA Board and the Saskatoon Construction Association was very positive. The event was recognized as a valuable investment of time and a unique relationship development opportunity. As such, plans are in the works to hold further Procurement Days, with a next attempt expected in Regina in the first half of 2019. Future events will see tweaks to improve the format and emphasize the most valuable components of the event, as determined by feedback.

Thank you to our departing Board members

This meeting was the last for two SCA Board members: Dean Cochrane and Nick Walbaum. Dean and Nick committed their time and energy representing the RCA and Saskatoon Construction Association, respectively, for two years. The SCA sincerely

thanks both Dean and Nick for their dedication and service to the association and the industry. We could not achieve our mission without the generous contributions of true leaders. Thank you.

Sean McGregor (Regina), Kim Sutherland (Saskatoon), and Jeff Hagerty will be joining the Board and attended the meeting as non-voting participants.

Thank you to departing CCA Board members

The SCA also has two departing CCA Board representatives to thank for their service. Sam Shaw is departing after a three-year term on the CCA Board. Carole Morsky is also departing after serving two years on the CCA Board. The SCA thanks them and wishes each of them all the best in their future endeavors.

Jason Duke has been appointed to serve a one-year term on the CCA Board and Cory Richter will serve as the SCA's representative for a three-year term.

New RCA Executive Director

Kevin Dureau has accepted the role as Executive Director of the RCA. He will assume the role on January 2, 2019. Kevin comes to the RCA from the private sector.

Next SCA Board meeting

The next SCA Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14, 2019, in Regina. As well, the SCA Board will be holding a retreat at Elk Ridge on Tuesday and Wednesday, February 5 and 6, 2019.

Additional items

In addition to the items summarized above, the Board also addressed the following:

The Board prioritized the exploration of a contractor pre-qualification system;

The Board adopted a new Code of Conduct;

The Board adopted a new Governance Year policy from January 1 to December 31;

The Board nominated Justin Hoyes to the Saskatchewan Applied Science Technologists & Technicians Board;

Review of member priority survey results;

Discussion about education sessions at Summer Meeting;

Discussion of SCA charitable commitments and future plans/intentions;

Received reports from each of the four local associations;

Reviewed membership numbers and introduced a new reporting format for clarity;

Received reports from all SCA committees; and

Received updates on SCA advocacy priorities.