



CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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In writing my final article as the OGCA Chairman, it seemed fitting that I take this opportunity to reflect on some of the successes of the Association during this past year.

I am particularly proud of our new collaboration with Robert Ellis and the My Safe Work Foundation. Through our Memorandum of Understanding, the OGCA is once again strengthening its commitment to build a strong collective health and safety culture in the Province of Ontario.

The partnership is focused on two specific objectives. The first is to enhance the health and safety culture among young people through the My Safe Work program. Statistically, new and young workers are far more likely to be injured during the first month of employment than at any other time, and it is everyone's responsibility to reinforce the message of health and safety to the province's future work force.

The second objective is to support the advancement of the Certificate of Recognition (COR) program among our members, owners, subcontractors and buyers of construction.

In conjunction with this program, the OGCA has partnered with eCompliance and IHSA to provide programs, training and administrative processes to assist our members and enhance their safety programs.

We have also developed a Strategic Partnership Program and I would like to welcome Textura, Marsh Canada, Travelers and Innocon as

our Strategic Partners and look forward to a long and continuing relationship with our Association.

As an Association, we rely on the continued support of our industry partners and sponsors. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your ongoing commitment to our success.

Our Association has evolved into a recognized, respected and prominent voice within the industry. We are a diversified association with some of the best large and small, union and open-shop contractors in the province and our success relies on the continuing involvement of our members, directors and volunteers. Your participation is critical and we thank you for your time, effort and the resources which you have shared to the benefit of our Association.

The commitment of our members was never more strongly felt than at our 75th Anniversary Gala. The sold-out event was a resounding success with over 500 guests in attendance.

As a result of the overwhelming feedback from our members, a committee was formed to review and consider changes to the format of the AGM and Conference held in the fall of each year. It was determined that a local two-day format for an abbreviated AGM and Conference would benefit the Association and encourage increased attendance. This format will commence in 2017 under the Chairmanship of Frank Perricone and will continue on a bi-annual basis in the following years.

I would like to thank everyone who made the past year such an amazing time. When you become the Chair of an organization like the OGCA, you have the daunting role of chairing and leading the Board of Directors. This is no small task when you consider the strength, knowledge and experience that our Directors possess. Their leadership, mentoring and networking within the industry all to benefit the association is a significant commitment and they all have taken it on with the seriousness and dedication that it deserves. On behalf of the membership, we thank them.

I would also like to thank the members of the Executive and the Board of Directors for their support and guidance over the past year, it is truly appreciated.

At the OGCA, our staff team is small but truly dedicated. Many thanks to David, Mary, Julie and Judy for your support of not only the Association, but of me during my time as Chair, and to Clive, our more-than-able President. Clive has provided the OGCA with leadership and guidance, and along the way, provided the same to me.

It has been my privilege to serve as Chairman for this, the 75th anniversary year of the Ontario General Contractors Association. I wish incoming Chair John Aquino a successful term and look forward to working with John and the other Directors during the coming year.

Hope to see you in September at the 2014 AGM and Conference in Las Vegas! ■



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