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PLCAC 2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION RECAP

2026 ANNUAL CONVENTION

The PLCAC's 72nd Annual General Meeting & Convention was held in Maui, HI from April 20 to April 24, 2026. The event brought together more than 350 delegates for a memorable and engaging gathering, hosted at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa.

The PLCAC staff and Board of Directors welcomed members of the PLCAC Regular and Associate companies, the four craft pipeline unions, and sister associations. Attendees exchanged ideas, discovered new industry innovations and built meaningful connections throughout the general business sessions and events.

The convention was curated with comprehensive networking opportunities for both delegates and their families. The keynote speakers during the morning sessions included Professor Ian Lee; Associate Professor at Sprott School of Business at Carlton University, and Robert Bryce; Author, Reporter, and Producer. Moreover, we were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Maui, Richard Bissen, to our convention. Mayor Bissen's presence reflected Maui's warm hospitality and strong sense of community.

The annual golf tournament took place at the beautiful Ka'anapali Golf Course, where a friendly competition raised over \$2,500 – later matched by McCaw's Drilling & Blasting Ltd., and donated to the Salvation Army Maui. Moreover, the activities included Surf Lessons, a visit to the Maui Ocean Center, and West Maui Sea Cliff Hike. The John Deere Lu'au was a vibrant oceanfront celebration of Maui's traditional cuisine, music and cultural performance. The Tropical Twist costume party gave the attendees a chance to be creative and have fun.

A sincere thank you to all the delegates who participated and sponsors whose support made the 72nd Annual General Meeting & Convention a memorable success.



PLCAC OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS 2026-2027



Left to right: Colin Schmidt, James Nixon, Lyall Nash, Blake Shultis, Kevin O'Donnell, Neil Waugh, Wesley Waschuk, David Johnstone, Scott Ryan, Paul Mease, Michael Prior, and Paul Schultz

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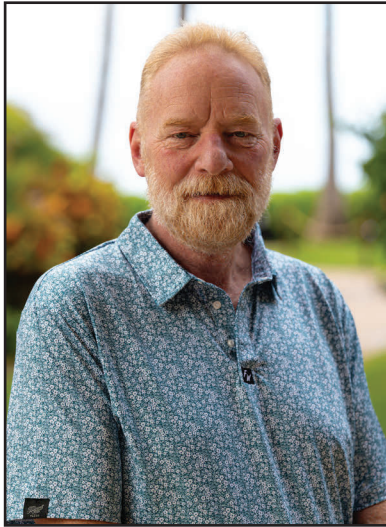
Blake Shultis

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Chief Executive Officer and President – TerraPro Inc. Sherwood Park, AB

OUTGOING PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



President Paul Schultz welcomed the delegates at the 72nd Annual General Meeting and Convention on Tuesday, April 21 at the Kick-Off Party. He shared that the week ahead in Maui would be filled with opportunities to connect, gain valuable insights, and enjoy a dynamic and welcoming atmosphere. With a mix of engaging sessions, social gatherings, and special events, attendees could look forward to a well-rounded and memorable experience.

President Schutz also invited delegates to make the most of their time on the island by exploring Maui's stunning coastline, vibrant culture, and breathtaking natural scenery.

NEIL WAUGH APPOINTED 2026-2027 PLCAC PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL CONVENTION

On Friday, April 24, Neil Waugh, President of NPL Canada Ltd., was appointed President of the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada for the 2026-2027 term.

Neil has over 30 years of experience in the utility construction sector. Neil has been an active member of the Pipe Line Contractors Association since becoming a director in 2011. This is Neil's third term as the President of the PLCAC. Neil is an active member of the Distribution and Mainline Negotiating Committees.



PLCAC HOSTS THE WORLD FEDERATION OF PIPELINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MEETING



(left to Right): Paul Schultz – PLCAC President 2025-2026, Robert Bendure – PLCA President, Kevin O'Donnell – PLCAC Executive Director, Andrew Miller – DCA President, Kevin Parker – DCA Executive Vice President, Georges Hage – IPLOCA Executive Director

On Monday, April 20, 2026, the PLCAC President, Paul Schultz and PLCAC Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell, hosted the members of the World Federation of Pipeline Industry Associations (WFPIA) meeting at the Hyatt Regency Maui Resort & Spa in Maui, HI.

The PLCAC welcomed delegates from sister organization including Distribution Contractors Association – US (DCA), International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA), and Pipe Line Contractors Association (PLCA).

The group addressed several topics in the meeting; including the concerted effort and continued focus on the next generation of pipeliners. The PLCAC initiated the University of Calgary's Oil & Gas Engineering Program Scholarship Award.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2026 in Athens, Greece at the IPLOCA convention.

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PLCAC NEW DIRECTOR



Eric MacDonald – Executive Vice President, Aecon Utilities

Eric MacDonald comes to the PLCAC Board of Directors with decades of experience with Aecon. He is the Executive Vice President of Aecon Utilities.

Eric has a background in the construction industry with proven track record of leading teams to successful execution with his in-depth knowledge and experience.

The PLCAC would like to welcome Eric to our Board of Directors team.

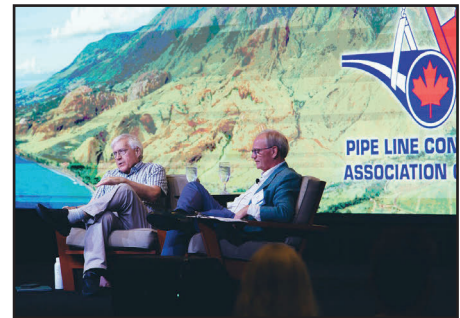
CONVENTION 2026 SPEAKERS RECAP:



Professor Ian Lee – Canada's Competitiveness in a Changing Global Economy

Professor Ian Lee's keynote address at the 72nd Annual General Meeting & Convention in Maui delivered a compelling and thought-provoking perspective on the future of Canada's economy. Dr. Lee highlighted that globalization and trade are expanding, and that the global economy is not fragmenting. The U.S. remains the dominant economic power, and therefore access to the U.S. market is non-negotiable for Canadian economic success.

Dr. Lee emphasized the opportunity for Canada to enhance its competitiveness by building on its existing strengths, particularly in the Energy and Natural Resources sectors, fostering stronger investment climate through lower corporate taxes and faster regulatory approvals, and focus on attracting and retaining capital. These steps are important in supporting the economic growth, innovation, jobs, and long-term prosperity for Canada.



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Robert Bryce – North American Energy Outlook & Strategic Implications

Robert Bryce delivered a keynote address that highlighted how the energy system is becoming more dependent on reliable, dispatchable power – not less. This means that companies that align with energy reliability, infrastructure, and scalability will be best positioned to capture value.

However, the pace of the energy transition has been slower than expected. Hydrocarbons, particularly natural gas, play a leading role as electricity demand rises from AI and data centre growth. Energy supply will remain essential to meeting energy needs, while nuclear energy remains a longer-term option but limited immediate impact.



JAMES L. ABRAHAM SAFETY PERFORMANCE AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE

The PLCAC recognizes member companies who have distinguished themselves with exemplary safety performance and safety records through the James L. Abraham Safety Performance Award of Excellence Program. These awards are based on lowest lost time incidents (LTI) frequency rates. The winners for the 2025 year were announced at the 2026 convention.



MAINLINE PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION:

Michels Canada Co.

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Aecon and OJB Energy Solutions



DISTRIBUTION PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION:

NPL Canada Ltd.

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, Aecon and T.W. Johnstone Company Limited



PIPELINE MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE:

Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Aecon, NPL Canada Ltd. and OJB Energy Solutions



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR TRANSPORTATION

Premay Pipeline Hauling L.P.

The following company also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): 2XL Transport Ltd.



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR (HDD) PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (over 20,000 hours)

Aecon

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Glacier Blasting, McCaw's Drilling & Blasting Ltd., Michels Canada Co., and Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited



SPECIALTY CONTRACTOR (HYDROVAC) – PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION (under 20,000 hours)

TESTCO Western Ltd.

The following companies also had zero Lost Time Incidents (LTIs) in this category (but worked less hours): Landshark Group, Lonestar Vacuum Inc. (A Division of Clean Harbours) and Allstream Waste Solutions Inc.





PLCAC ATTENDS THE 21ST ANNUAL CALGARY ENERGY ROUNDTABLE



Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director

THE TIME IS NOW!

On May 28, 2026, Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director attended the 21st annual Calgary Energy Roundtable conference. The PLCAC was the co-presenting sponsor at the conference where it brought together industry leaders, stakeholders and policymakers to discuss the future of Canada's energy sector.

The panel discussions, led by Canada's energy leaders and politicians, highlighted the current geopolitical landscape in Canada and how it presents a unique opportunity for Canada to expand its market share and strengthen its global energy security.

The discussions emphasized the importance of immediate and continued collaboration between government and the energy industry to advance responsible resource development, attract investment, create high-paid jobs, and support long-term economic growth in Canada.



Hon. Seamus O'Regan, Global Public Affairs – Strategic Counsel; Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Corey Hogan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources



Chris McCluskey, TC Energy – Government Relations, Public Affairs and Board Chair; Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Adam Anderson, TC Energy – Director, External Relations Project Delivery



CANADIAN PIPELINE ADVISORY COUNCIL (CPAC) ATTENDS THE 10TH INDIGENOUS RESOURCES OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE IN NANAIMO, BC

Lyall Nash, CPAC Chair; Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; and Karman Jiri, PLCAC Office Manager & Convention Coordinator, attended the 10th Indigenous Resources Opportunities Conference (IROC) in Nanaimo, BC from June 3 to June 5, 2026.

The event brought together many Indigenous community leaders, Elders, government officials and industry representatives. The theme of the conference was “Working together With the Land”. The focus of discussions were respectful and equitable resource development, economic empowerment and pathways to economic reconciliation. Among the keynote speakers were the Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia; Leonard Krog, Nanaimo’s Mayor; Kendra Johnston, Assistant Deputy Minister – Ministry of Mining and Critical Minerals in British Columbia, and Aa:liya Warbus, MLA for Chilliwack-Cultus Lake & Official Opposition House Leader of Government of B.C.

Dallas Smith, President of the Nanwakolas Council, offered a hopeful perspective on the future of reconciliation, reminding attendees that meaningful progress remains possible even in a time of global disruption and change.





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EVAN BARROSO, AECON, RECEIVES 2026 JACK CRESSEY FUTURE LEADER AWARD



The Jack Cressey Future Leader Award was established in 1995 in memory of Jack Cressey, board member and past president of the PLCAC, who was known as a strong leader with vision, integrity and drive.

At the 2026 Annual General Meeting & Convention in Maui, Hawaii, the Jack Cressey Future Leader Award was presented to Evan Barroso of Aecon.

Evan Barroso joined Aecon in 2021 as a Project Coordinator on the Energy Team within the Utilities sector. He has stepped up consistently to support broader Aecon operations. His ability to integrate quickly into multidisciplinary teams and contribute

to project delivery has transitioned him into a Project Manager role for the St. Laurent Project. He leads a delivery team on critical program supporting over 168,000 customers across Ottawa and Gatineau. He has demonstrated exceptional leadership, composure, and sound judgement in managing complex technical and stakeholder challenges. Evan's calm leadership style, strong problem-solving skills, and commitment to team success have positioned him as a future leader within Aecon. His constant performance, initiative and impact make him a deserving winner.

The PLCAC would like to congratulate Evan Barroso on this great career achievement.

PLCAC WELCOMES NEW MEMBER

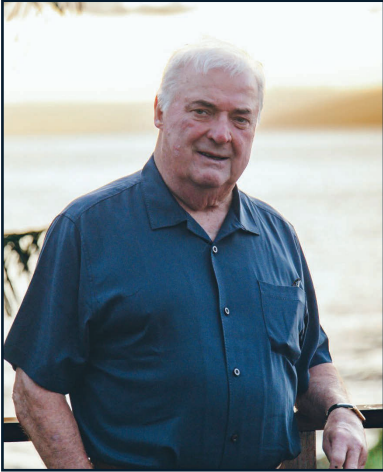
PLCAC Board of Directors have recently approved an Associate membership application:



ALLU, located in Nashville, TN, is a company that provides equipment solutions to enable efficient on-site material for pipeline construction and maintenance.

For more information, contact Jacqueline Day, VP Business Development & Marketing, at 732-558-9840 or visit: www.allu.net.

PLCAC - HONORARY MEMBER



On April 22, 2026, Joe Phillips, Robert B. Somerville Co. Limited, was officially inducted as a PLCAC Honorary Member recognizing his contribution to the pipeline industry for over six decades.

Joe began his career in the industry in 1964 with Union Gas, working on the Canadian Parkhill section of the 34th pipeline. Joe built a reputation because of his hard work and leadership. He mentored many people and earned respect in the industry. Paul Schultz, PLCAC President 2025-2026, acknowledged Joe by saying “The pipelines Joe helped build will stand for years to come, but the legacy he leaves behind will last even longer.”

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada extends its sincere appreciation to Joe for his many years of commitment and service to the industry.

PLCAC - BOARD MEMBER DEPARTURE



Scott Ryan, Senior Vice President – Aecon Nuclear, and PLCAC board member, has stepped down from the PLCAC’s Board of Directors effective April 24, 2026.

Neil Waugh, PLCAC President and Kevin O’Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director, along with the rest of the Board of Director members thank Scott for his dedication while he was a board member.

See You In Quebec City!



The Pipe Line Contractors Association
of Canada (PLCAC)
73rd Annual Convention
Fairmont Le Chateau Frontenac
Quebec City, QC
May 9 – 12, 2027

Action Dates

2026

**International Pipe Line & Offshore
Contractors Association (IPLOCA)**
58th Annual Convention
Intercontinental Athens
Athens, Greece
September 28 – October 2, 2026
www.iploca.com

**Distribution Contractors Association
(DCA)**
66th Annual Convention
Terranea Resort
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
February 22 – February 26, 2027
www.dcaweb.org

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79th Annual Convention
Omni La Costa Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, CA
February 10 – February 14, 2027
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