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PLCAC AT THE WORLD FEDERATION OF PIPELINE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS MEETING



Representatives in attendance at the January 2024 WFPIA Meeting

From left to right: Georges Hage, IPLOCA Executive Secretary; Roberto Castelli, IPLOCA President; Adam Wynne Hughes, IPLOCA Treasurer; Elizabeth Worrell, PLCA Managing Director and Chief Legal Counsel; Robert Bell, PLCA Director; Robert Darden, DCA Executive Vice President; Mark Albert, DCA President; Kevin O'Donnell, PLCAC Executive Director; Wes Waschuk, PLCAC President.

The World Federation of Pipe Line Industry Associations (WFPIA) offers a forum for collaboration among associations involved in the construction of offshore and onshore pipelines for international and regional transportation and construction of oil, gas, water and slurry pipelines.

The PLCAC President, Wes Waschuk and PLCAC Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell, represented the PLCAC members at the January 31, 2024 WFPIA meeting held in Baha Mar, The Bahamas.

Delegates from sister organizations: the Pipe Line Contractors Association – US (PLCA), the Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC), the Distribution Contractors Association – US (DCA), and the International Pipe Line & Offshore Contractors Association (IPLOCA) were welcomed by the PLCA President, Josh Ramsey. The group covered a lot of ground, discussing effective conventions, opportunities for joint events and programs, pipeline industry worldwide and reciprocity policies.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 12, 2024 in Niagara Falls, Ontario at the PLCAC Convention.

CANADIAN PIPELINES: OPPORTUNITY LEADS THE WAY

Canadian pipeline workers have constructed world-class pipelines, exemplified by the recent successes of mega-projects like Coastal Gas Link and Trans-Mountain. Canadians have established themselves as leaders in efficient, safe, and environmentally and socially responsible pipeline construction. Through projects like these, and the exceptional work of the Canadian pipeline workers, we are expanding our pipeline infrastructure, bolstering communities and driving prosperity nationwide. Because of this, Canada has the opportunity to continue to gain international recognition as an “energy superpower”. We are ready to power our nation and those markets beyond our borders.

The world has undergone significant changes, marked by geopolitical tensions, rising inflation and interest rates, and political challenges that may divert attention away from the importance of reliable energy infrastructure. The Pipeline Contractors Association of Canada (PLCAC) is committed to navigating these challenges. By seizing opportunities to expand our networks, and delivering resources to domestic and international markets, we will strengthen our position as industry leaders, and secure the international recognition that Canada has earned.

Kevin A. O'Donnell,
Executive Director

PLCAC ATTENDS THE 21ST BC NATURAL RESOURCES FORUM IN PRINCE GEORGE, BC.

The 21st Annual BC Natural Resources Forum was held in Prince George, BC from January 16 to 18, 2024. This forum offers non-partisan arena for constructive dialogue, information about the latest developments and opportunities, trends and partnerships that make a difference in the BC Resource Sector. It emphasizes the power of collaboration and meaningful alliances between First Nations, government entities, and the resource sector in BC.

The Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council (CPAC), is a co-operative joint labour & management group of senior pipeline craft union representatives and officers of the PLCAC, was a sponsor for the BC Natural Resources Forum.

The PLCAC Executive Director, Kevin O'Donnell and CPAC hosted Premier Eby and 250 industry representatives at a networking event on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

CPAC was represented at the event by Lyall Nash, President of TESTCO Western Ltd.; Mark Olsen, LiUNA Western Canada Sub-Regional Manager; Tony Pietrangelo, LiUNA Assistant Regional Manager and International Representative For Central & Eastern Canada; and Damien Stanley, International Representative, International Union of Operating Engineers.



PLCAC WELCOMES 2 NEW MEMBERS

PLCAC Board of Directors have recently approved membership applications from one Regular Member and one Associate Member. We welcome these new members to the PLCAC!



Kan-Arm Contracting Ltd., located in Sardis, BC, provides drilling, blasting, slope stabilizing, ground anchors and micropiles to pipeline projects.

For more information, contact Tamar Mathies, Chief Operating Officer, at 1-604-792-2086 or visit www.kan-armcontracting.com.



ROSEN Canada Ltd., located in Calgary, AB, provides a wide range of pipeline inspection and integrity services, from the design stage through the post construction, operating life and eventual decommissioning and abandonment.

For more information, contact Shaun Kelly, Vice President, at 1-587-577-9669 or visit www.rosen-group.com.



• The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada
“Platinum” 70th Annual General Meeting & Convention
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel
in Niagara Falls, ON
May 12 – 16, 2024

This year, we have an outstanding line up of speakers at the convention and we are certain you will enjoy an experience never offered before.



Stephen Harper
*Former Prime Minister
of Canada*



Ron DiFrancesco
*9/11 Survivor
“Last Man Out”*



Cynthia Hansen
*Enbridge Executive Vice
President & President,
Gas Transmission &
Midstream*



REMEMBERING GARY KROEKER (1948-2023)

Gary Kroeker of Port Coquitlam, British Columbia passed away on November 30, 2023. A member of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 115 for over 50 years, Gary went on to become the Business Manager of Local 115 and a General Vice President of the I.U.O.E. His tireless dedication to the labour movement is evidenced by his participation in various roles with the BC Federation of Labour, Canadian Labour Congress, and the BC Building Trades to name just a few. Even after his retirement in 2010, Gary continued to advocate for workers and responsible resource development projects with his participation as a board member at BC Infrastructure Benefits and the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council.

At the I.U.O.E. Canadian Conference, August 31, 2023, I.U.O.E. General President James T. Callahan, and I.U.O.E. 2nd General V.P./Business Manager Mike Gallagher and I.U.O.E. 14th General V.P./Business Manager Brian Cochrane presented a cheque for \$115,000.00 to the Canadian Cancer Society in Gary's name. These funds were comprised of donations from the I.U.O.E., I.U.O.E. Local Unions from across Canada, and the Canadian Pipeline Advisory Council, which will be used towards cancer research and care.

Gary is missed by his wife Marlene, his daughter Lori, and son Jamie. He is also remembered by all the friends made throughout his journeys.

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF OPERATING ENGINEERS LOCAL 955 CELEBRATED 75 YEARS

In September 2023, the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 955 in Alberta celebrated 75 years!

On September 23rd, 2023, Local 955 celebrated their 75th anniversary at their annual Long Service Awards where union members with 20, 30, 40, 50, and 60 years of service are honored. Lyall Nash, President of TESTCO Western Ltd. and PLCAC Director, was in attendance with Business Manager Chris Flett to announce a 5% increase to Pension benefits. Mr. Nash was also thanked for his 40 years of dedication to the I.U.O.E. Local 955 Pension Trust where he serves as Co-Chair. More recently, I.U.O.E. Local 955 members celebrated the billionth dollar paid out from the Pension Trust Fund since its inception.





PIPE LINE CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA STUDENT AWARD PROGRAM 2023-2024 RECIPIENTS



Adelaide Baker
*Biological &
Pharmaceutical
Chemistry*



Scott Blachar
*Political Science &
History*



Sarah Butler
*Sociology &
Psychology*



Heather Cadigan
*Education &
Indigenous Studies*



Madyson Campbell
Medicine



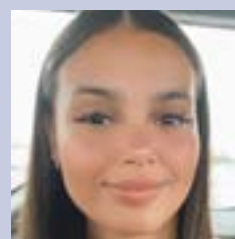
Natalie Connors
Chemical Engineering



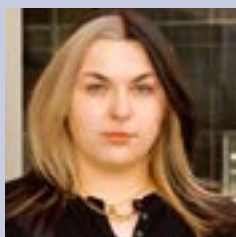
Cameron Crook
Biological Sciences



Lucas De Vellis
Law and Society



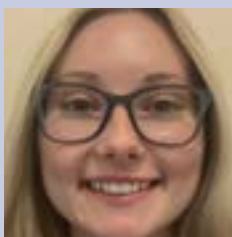
Olivia De Vellis
Police Foundations



Kaley Dzik
Communications



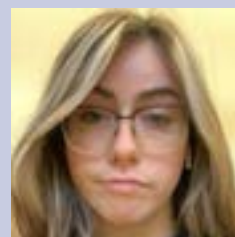
Kenley Girard
Nursing



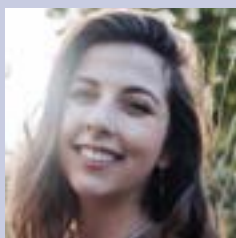
Kalee Glennie
Psychology



Gavin Gordon
Biotechnology



Ashley Green
Kinesiology



Jaime Grimm
Biology



Klara Helten-Fradette
Psychology



Sophia Hiles
*Global &
International Studies*



Alexis Iles
Biomedical Sciences



Ethan Jackson
*Welding Engineering
Technology*



Adam Jansen
Computer Science



Erika Jansen
Nursing



Gerald Jansen
Hospital Unit Clerk



Liam Keefe
International Business



Jayden Kyrlyuk
Law



PLCAC Top Achiever Award Winner – Siobhan Marie

This year the PLCAC would like to congratulate Siobhan Marie on being selected the top 2023-2024 recipient of the Top PLCAC Award. This award recognizes a student who is not only achieving academic excellence, but is already well on their way to becoming a community leader.

Siobhan is currently a first-year student at Trent University pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in the Education Stream. In addition to her academic pursuits, Siobhan volunteers in her free time as the founding leader of a variety of community programs, such as 'Stepping Stones'. The 'Stepping Stones' program supports local youth by providing them with access to recreational opportunities free of cost, provides schools with groceries for their breakfast programs, as well as care packages to support students and families in need. Also, she created her community's Indigenous Literacy Revitalization project. This project has encouraged the students in her community to think critically about their roles in reconciliation, positively showcased Indigenous cultures and impacted their understanding of Indigenous experiences in Canada.

After post-secondary, Siobhan hopes to continue working in the non-profit sector as well as continuing to pursue her humanitarianism through a career in education.



Siobhan Marie
Indigenous Studies



Sarah McPhedran
Biochemical Sciences



Hannah Molitor
Drawing



Caylin Purdy
Accounting



Chole Taylor
Communications & Media Studies



Alyssa Tickner
Environmental Studies



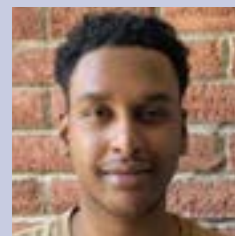
Ryan Thompson
Film Production



Duncan Waugh
Civil Engineering



Khloe Webber
Education



Imran Yousuf
Communications, Culture Information & Technology

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada Student Award Program works to assist students entering post-secondary education programs.

The Pipe Line Contractors Association of Canada allocates awards each year to a son or daughter of parents or guardians who derive their principal income from pipeline construction.

The PLCAC Student Award Program has assisted over 480 students since the award program was established in 1974.

For program information and rules visit www.pipeline.ca.



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Action Dates

Pipe Line Contractors Association of
Canada (PLCAC)
70th Annual Convention
Sheraton, Niagara Falls, Ontario
May 12 – 16, 2024
www.pipeline.ca

International Pipe Line & Offshore
Contractors Association (IPLOCA)
56th Annual Convention
Sorrento, Italy
September 9 – 13, 2024
www.iploca.com

Australian Pipelines and Gas
Association
Annual Convention & Exhibition
Adelaide, SA
October 12-15, 2024
www.apga.org.au



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Women’s Day, we are proud to present
Banister Pipelines Women of Steel.

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