

## **Dean's Expert Advisory Panel has the opportunity to set the system on the right course**

As construction season activity continues to ramp up, driven by the added urgency of recipients trying to spend as much government infrastructure stimulus money as possible before the March, 2011 deadline, another phenomenon of fundamental importance to the industry is unfolding. The Ontario government, through the Ministry of Labour, has launched a high profile review of the province's occupational health and safety system in response to a disproportionately high number of workplace fatalities within the construction sector late in 2009 and into 2010.

## **Minister of Labour Praises COCA at Construction Season Reception**

Minister of Labour, Peter Fonseca, was glowing in his praise for COCA when he addressed COCA members and his fellow MPPs at the *Welcome to Construction Season Reception* organized by your provincial construction federation.

## **Quarterly Meetings with Deputy Minister Established**

On May 11<sup>th</sup> COCA Chair Dan Lancia, Vice Chairs Domenic Mattina and Don Gosen and COCA WSIB Working Group member Paul Gunning met with the Deputy of Minister of Labour, Cynthia Morton, to address the full range of ministry issues relating to the construction industry.

## **Mid-Year Review Highlights 6 Months of Success**

In January of this year and the previous two years, COCA has issued a year in review report to the boards of directors of all our member associations highlighting the activities and achievements of your provincial construction federation over the then past twelve months. At COCA we believe strongly that we must hold ourselves accountable for the investments our members make in their voice at Queen's Park. For the first time, we recently issued a mid-year review.

## **Two COCA Supported Nominees Appointed to College of Trades**

Two COCA supported nominees were among the eight people named recently by the Minister of Training Colleges and Universities, John Milloy, to serve on the very powerful Appointments Council of the new College of Trades. They are Hugh Laird, executive director of the Interior Systems Contractors Association and of the Interior Finishing Systems Training Centre and Allan West, vice president and director of the K J Beamish Group of Companies.

## **COCA Welcomes Opportunities to Meet With Member Associations**

So far this year representatives from COCA have attended Board of Directors meetings, annual general meetings, special events and celebrations of eight of our member associations and we have met with a number of these associations on multiple occasions.

## **London & District Construction Association offers remote BIM training**

June 9th article from the Daily Commercial News.

## **IHSA's First AGM on June 14**

Over the past several months, COCA has been working with senior officials from the Infrastructure Health and Safety Association (IHSA), the successor organization to the former Construction Safety Association of Ontario, the Transportation Health and Safety Association of Ontario and the Electrical and Utilities Safety Association, to identify qualified employer representatives to serve on several of the new organization's Advisory Councils. It is from the members of these Advisory Councils that the members of the Board of Directors will be elected at the IHSA's first annual general meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **Employment & Permit Values Heading Up**

Statistics Canada's *The Daily* for Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> held some good news - both employment numbers and building permit values are trending upwards.

## **PCL Executive Named to Top 40 Under 40**

Chris Gower, Regional Vice President, Central & Eastern Canada, PCL Constructors Canada Inc. was named one of Canada's Top 40 Under 40 for 2009. Gower was the only representative of the construction

industry on this year's list of the best and brightest achievers in Canadian business and social services under the age of 40.