



General Contractors Association of Ottawa Newsletter

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Annual GCAO Cocktail Party

GCAO Calendar:

Upcoming Board Meetings

Friday, April 1st
Friday, April 29th
Friday, May 27th

Annual Golf Tournament AND Semi-Annual General Meeting:

Friday, June 24th
(tentative)

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This year's GCAO Annual Cocktail Party took place on Thursday February 24th 2011, at our traditional venue - The Rideau Club (99 Bank Street).

This evening was very successful and highly attended by a large number of members, owners, designers, and distinguished guests including the Honourable Madeleine Meilleur. This event always serves to provide important networking opportunities for all involved.

During the reception, Serge Massicotte (Massicotte Construction Group) was honoured with the annual **Integrity and Ethics Award**.

The award is intended to

recognize those who consistently illustrate high standards of integrity and ethics when dealing those in the construction industry including; owners, designers, consultants, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and fellow employees. Serge's nomination was supported by numerous stakeholders who offered glowing testimonials on his behalf.

Congratulations Serge!

Last but not least, a sincere thank you goes to **Smith Petrie Carr & Scott Insurance Brokers Ltd.**, who graciously sponsored this wonderful reception for a **second year**.

Please note that **Smith Petrie Carr & Scott Insurance Brokers Ltd.**

have created a brief "mini survey" for all GCAO members (sent via email on March 8th 2011).

Their intention is to improve the way in which they deliver services to the local construction industry. This survey is beneficial to you and as such we encourage all members to participate if you have not already done so!



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New Board Member Profile:

As mentioned in the Winter-Spring GCAO newsletter, the Board has now welcomed Jim Tsarouhas - Co-Founder and Executive Vice-President of TOFCON Construction.



Welcome Jim!

If you have an issue you wish to bring to the Board's attention, please contact the appropriate director. For contact information please refer to the list of directors and mandates at the end of this newsletter.

BILDCO Ottawa Joint Committee Meeting

BILDCO -- The joint committee initiated by GCAO with Ottawa associations representing the design professions and owners -- met on March 9th. GCAO's top four executives all attended. Agenda items of particular concern to General Contractors included Site Plans -- delays in the approval process and scale of fees; Hydro Ottawa's pricing policy for installations; Role of Project Management firms; Weight given to fees in proposals for City projects; and Alternative Forms of

Construction Contracts. Those relating to City of Ottawa construction projects are to be taken up at a meeting with Mayor Jim Watson.

Wanted: Your experience since mid-2010 on the following:

1. Site Plan Approvals. Has the City's "one-stop shopping" procedure, including advance consultations and a single point of contact, resulted in quicker approvals of Site Plans and Building Permits?

2. Hydro Ottawa. Complaints have been received that Hydro has in particular been very slow in completing its review of Site Plans. Also, that its pricing policy for installations lacks transparency and consistency and is subject to unexpected increases.

Your company's experience is needed to ensure that representations are solid and current. Full confidentiality is of course assured. Please address e-mails to admin@gcaottawa.com



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Upcoming Events

Annual GCAO Golf Tournament AND Semi-Annual General Meeting:

Discussions and planning have begun for both the Annual GCAO Golf Tournament and the Semi-Annual General Meeting. A tentative date for the Golf Tournament has been set for Friday June 24th (location – to be determined). Additional details and information pertaining to both events will follow.

GCAO Board Members



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Back Row (left to right):
Michael Nicolini, Jim Tsarouhas, Joshua Laginski, Shawn Argue,
Spencer Hagan, Don Chutter.

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Sean Lundy, Hubie Splinter, Michael Assal.

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