



CONSTRUCTION
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2014-2015 Annual General Meeting

Chairman's Message



As my term as CANS Chairman draws to a close I have taken the time to reflect on the past year. On the one hand I cannot believe how quickly the time passed by - it seems like only yesterday we were at the AGM and I was being sworn in as Chairman thinking we had an entire year ahead of us. On the other, 12 months can go by so quickly and I am astonished to look back at all that we were able to accomplish.

From the launch of new programs and services to continued growth and success in existing programs, 2014-15 was a busy year for all areas of CANS.

From an advocacy perspective 2014-15 was a year focused on relationship building and the advancement of issues affecting all aspects of the industry.

CANS continued to build and strengthen relationships with Municipal and Provincial governments. And working closely with CCA we have also been playing an active role lobbying and promoting our industry message before the upcoming Federal election ensuring the issues important to our industry are at the forefront.

CANS remained active on Builders' Lien and Delayed Payment Legislation, and continued to play an active role with both the Workers Compensation Board and the newly developed Nova Scotia Apprenticeship Agency.

CANS' Industry Education and Training Program saw another hugely successful year. Over 130 participants from across the Atlantic Region accessed training through CANS Connect. CANS also continued to grow private training opportunities and helped member companies secure over \$490,000.00 in program funding.

CANS partnered with Dalhousie University's Faculty of Management to deliver world-class leadership development training right here in Nova Scotia with the CANS Executive Certificate in Construction Leadership Program. Helping organizations become more productive and efficient, develop their capacity and the capabilities of their people, and attract and retain the future leaders of the construction industry, the Executive Certificate in Construction Leadership graduated its first Cohort of eight individuals in the Spring of 2015. The second Cohort will begin classes in October 2015.

2014-15 also marked a significant milestone in CANS history with the official launch and roll-out of CANS Online Bidding System for Trade Contractors with the successful bidding and closing of our first project, the Northumberland Building Renovations in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia. In late August of 2015 CANS also launched the second phase of the online bidding initiative: CANS Online Bidding System for General Contractors. This portion went live late Summer 2015 with a number of potential projects in the pipeline.

I encourage you to take the time to read through the Annual Report which will outline all that CANS and the industry achieved throughout 2014-15 and what we have in store for the upcoming year.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to serve as your Board Chairman this past year. It has been an incredibly rewarding experience to have been part of an organization that is doing such great work in the industry. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Board of Directors, as well as Duncan and the entire CANS staff.

Rylan MacDow
Chair of the Board