

CTAA NEWSLETTER
January 2006

1. 50th Annual Conference at Victoria, BC

The 50th Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting, attended by approximately 354 delegates plus 86 accompanying persons, was held at the Fairmont Empress Hotel in Victoria. Approximately 91 new members were included in the above-noted total. The Local Arrangements Committee did an outstanding job ensuring that everyone had a full program. The CUPGA meeting was well attended on Sunday and 22 papers were presented at the CTAA conference.

The formation meeting of the Canadian Technical Asphalt Association was held in Victoria in October 1955 at the Empress Hotel. From the meeting came a Constitution and By Laws that with some minor changes still stand. The primary purpose of the Association was established in 1955, and as is still true today, is the sharing of research experience and technical information among those involved or interested in the paving industry. The success of our Association is due in large part to the excellent presentations being made over the last 50 years and the participation and attendance by interested individuals. We can be very proud of our achievements.

The 50th Annual conference was attended by 8 Honorary members and 14 Past Presidents. An historical photo sheet was prepared as was a copy of all but one of the 50 Conference Proceedings Booklets.

2. Board of Directors

The names of your Board of Directors for 2005-2006 are as follows:

President	Vince Aurilio
1 st Vice-President	Chuck McMillan
2 nd Vice President	Yves Thériault
Directors: British Columbia	Jim Johnson
Prairies	Art Johnston
Ontario	Kelly Carrick
Québec	Michel Paradis
Atlantic	Guy Kendziora
Past President	Leonnie Kavanagh
Past Past President	Sarah Wells

3. Awards

The 2004 award winners were presented with plaques and prizes at the Awards Luncheon on Wednesday.

- 3.1** The Earl Kee Award for best presentation by a new author was presented to Zvjeddan Lazic.
- 3.2** The Editor's Award for the best-prepared paper went Serban Iliuta, Adrian Andriescu, Simon Hesp, and Kai Tam.
- 3.3** The Norman E. McLeod Award for the best oral presentation was given to Paul Lum.

4. Committees

The President appointed the following persons to the various committees of the Association:

4.1 Executive Committee	Chair	Vince Aurilio Leonie Kavanagh Chuck McMillan Sarah Wells Yves Thériault Robert Noble
4.2 Technical Program	Chair	Chuck McMillan Vince Aurilio Michel Paradis Jim Johnson Art Johnston Leonie Kavanagh
4.3. Membership	Chair	Jim Johnson Regional Directors
4.4. Communications Committee	Chair	Yves Thériault Guy Kendziora Art Johnston
4.5. Education & Training Committee	Chair	Kelly Carrick Leonie Kavanagh Michelle Paradis
4.6. Technical Liaison	Chair	Art Johnston
4.7 Local Arrangements – Charlottetown 2006		
	Co-Chairs	Scott Dawson, Robert S. Clow
	Fundraising	Scott Dawson, Robert S. Clow
	Publicity / Communications	Terry Kelly, Darren Chaisson
	CUPGA Liaison	Stephen Yeo
	Registration	Kathy Fyfe, Michelle MacDonald
	Accompanying Guests	Rosalie Dawson
	Secretary / Treasurer	Scott Dawson, Robert S. Clow
	Entertainment	Darren Chaisson, Scott Dawson
	Facilities	Scott Dawson, Terry Kelly
	Contractor's Workshop	TBD
4.8 Local Arrangements – Niagara Falls – 2007	Co-Chair	Vince Aurilio
4.9 By-Laws Committee	Chair	Sarah Wells
4.10 Nominating Committee	Chair	Leonie Kavanagh Chuck McMillan Yves Thériault

5. Finance

The audited financial report for the year 2004-2005 prepared by our auditors Norgaard Neal Camden & Co. was circulated to members present at the Conference. If anyone wishes a copy, please advise the Secretary-Treasurer. The highlights of the report are as follows:

Revenue	2005	2004
Annual Conference	208,615	224,569
Dues	91,053	99,702
Other	<u>3,714</u>	<u>3,685</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>303,382</i>	<i>327,960</i>
Expenses		
Annual Conference	227,818	179,193
Miscellaneous	13,552	12,239
Support Services	23,651	21,299
Board of Directors	9,025	5,502
Office	24,414	21,444
Proceedings	<u>46,047</u>	<u>41,815</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i>344,507</i>	<i>281,490</i>
Net Income	(41,125)	46,470
Member Equity		
Beginning of year	272,131	225,661
End of year	231,006	272,131

6. Annual Membership Dues

We wish to remind those that paid the non-member fee to attend the Conference in Victoria only paid fees for membership in the Association for the year 2005 and dues are now payable for 2006.

Invoices for the 2006 annual dues are enclosed with this Newsletter. Members are asked to ensure that the second (yellow) copy of the invoice accompanies all payments so that identification of the payee can be easily made. Members who do not pay by mid-April will be re-billed. Your cooperation in a speedy payment is appreciated.

If a member is to be replaced by another person in an organization then a new application must be forwarded. Automatic membership turnover to a succeeding member in an organization is not possible unless the proposed member submits an application for approval to the Board. Approvals are made at the Board meetings in April and in November.

Members who are employed by government organizations are exempt from GST ONLY if the governmental body is paying their invoices. Invoices paid by personal cheque, money order or personal credit card **MUST** include GST.

Members who have not paid their dues by July 31, 2006 will be placed on the suspended list and their names will not appear in the 2006 copy of our Proceedings.

Please note that the invoices include mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address. If there are any corrections, please show the changes and/or additions on the yellow copies of the invoice returned with your cheque.

The Association has been reporting membership statistics based on the members' category of employment or otherwise. We would request that when you return the yellow copy of your invoice with your payment that you indicate in which of the following categories you would best fit:

Contractor Consultant Government (specify level) Supplier Academic Other

7. CUPGA

The Annual Meeting of the Management Committee for the Canadian User Producer Group of Asphalt was held on Saturday, November 5, 2005, followed by a General Session on Sunday.

The Management Committee for this year is as follows:

Chair	Ken Fyvie
1 st Vice Chair	Tom Dziedziejko
2 nd Vice Chair	René Dufresne
Past Chair	Michel Paradis

8. CAMP

The Annual Meeting of the Canadian Asphalt and Mix Exchange Program was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2005, in Victoria.

The 2005-2006 Steering Committee was selected as follows:

Atlantic	Sheldon Roach
Québec	Michel Paradis
Manitoba	Leannie Kavanagh
Saskatchewan	Magdy Beshara
Alberta	Jim Montgomery
British Columbia	Jim Johnson

The Engineering Service Division of the Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation is again the host of the Canadian Asphalt Exchange Program and the Canadian Asphalt Mix Exchange Program.

9. New Members

We have mailed out approximately 101 certificates to new members approved at the two Board of Directors' meetings in Victoria in November.

10. 2006 Annual Conference – Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island

The 2006 Conference will be held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island from November 5-8, 2006 at the Delta Inn Hotel. Room rates have been set at \$137.00 for single/double occupancy.

Registration information will be sent out with the July newsletter.

11. Future Conferences

2007 – Niagara Falls 2008 – British Columbia

12. Call for Papers – 2006 Charlottetown

A copy of the Call for Papers has been included with this Newsletter. Please note the closing date for submissions of abstracts. The selection of 20-22 papers for presentation at the Conference is normally made from 45-50 abstract submissions. The success and continual existence of our Association depends on the presentation of sufficient high quality technical papers at our conference. Please send in your offers before the February 21st deadline date.

We have been very fortunate over the last 50 years with the quality of the papers presented to the CTAA conferences. The Association will continue to pursue this target and we look forward to an outstanding selection of papers this year. This is due to the hard work and professional attitude of the authors.

13. Minutes – 50th Annual General Meeting

The Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held in Victoria last November are posted on our web site at www.ctaa.ca. For those who do not have access to the Internet and/or who wish to have a hard copy, please advise Head Office.

14. Past Presidents' Breakfast

The Association hosted the 12th Annual Past Presidents' Breakfast where a number of issues were raised and recommendations made that may be of interest to the Board and will, no doubt, be discussed at future meetings.

15. Credit Cards

The Association will accept payment by credit cards, Visa and MasterCard only, for both conference fees and annual dues. Anyone intending to pay the annual dues with their card will note that their invoice must be returned with the appropriate information included thereon plus their signature.

16. By-Laws

It has been suggested that the year end date for the Association be set at June 30 rather than September 30. This would allow more time to prepare the financial report for the annual meeting. The financial report would also include revenue and expenditures of the past conference rather than some information from the past plus some for the upcoming conference. In order to change this date the By Laws have to be amended and it was decided to review all the by laws.

Several articles required some "housekeeping" changes and some articles were deleted. The board of Directors approved a number of changes at the Board meeting in April 2005. These changes were presented to the Annual General Meeting in November 2005 and were approved to be passed to letter ballot. The By Law articles requiring amendments are as follows:

- Article 3.2. A Student Member shall be an individual who is a full time student at an institution of post-secondary learning whose interests include aspects of asphalt technology. Upon completing a membership application form ~~A a Student applicant Member shall be nominated by their university or college and~~ becomes a Student Member upon following approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- Article 3.3 A General Member shall be an individual who is experienced or interested in the characteristics and uses of asphalt materials. A General Member application shall provide an account of experience and interest in such form as may be required by the Board of Directors. Upon completing a membership application form ~~A a~~ General Member applicant becomes a General Member upon following approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- Article 3.4 A Sustaining Member shall be an individual, firm, corporation, agency of Government, or other organization desiring to contribute greater support to the Association through the payment of higher dues. A Sustaining Member shall designate a representative. An applicant becomes a Sustaining Member upon completing a membership application form following ~~upon~~ approval of the Board of Directors of the Association.
- Article 3.5 An Honorary Member shall be ~~an individual~~ a member or past member of the Canadian Technical Asphalt Association who has performed distinguished services in the fields of activity related to the purposes of this Association, or who has rendered meritorious service to the same. An Honorary Member ~~may~~ must be nominated by ~~any five~~ ten Voting Members in good standing. The nomination must be made in writing addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer and personally signed by the nominators or accompanied by personally signed letters. A nominee becomes an Honorary Member after approval of the Board of Directors.
- ~~Article 3.6. Election to membership shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors.~~
- ~~Article 3.7.6. A rejected applicant shall not be reconsidered for Membership until at least one year after the previous application.~~
- Article 3.8. ~~6.~~ All Members shall have all the rights and privileges as determined by these By-Laws and by the Board of Directors, properly constituted, except that a Student Member and Sustaining Member may neither vote nor hold office. General Members, and Honorary Members are considered Voting Members.
- Article 3.9. ~~7.~~ Any Member may be required to resign by a vote of three-quarters of the Voting Members at an Annual Meeting.
- Article 3.10. ~~8.~~ Notice of resignation from Membership or of change of a representative of a Sustaining member shall be presented in writing to the Secretary Treasurer, and thereby accepted.

- Article 4.4. Successive Directors shall be elected by letter ballot for a term of two years by the Members and announced at ~~an~~the Annual Meeting of its Members. A year is here construed as the period between the terminations of two successive Annual Meetings.
- Article 4.10. Any remuneration of officers, agents, employees or committee members shall be fixed by the Board of Directors by resolution. Such resolution shall have force only until the next meeting of the Board Members when such resolution shall again be confirmed by resolution of the ~~Member~~ Board. In the absence of such confirmation the remuneration to such officers, agents, employees, or committee members shall thereafter cease to be payable.
- Article 7.6 The Books of the Association shall be closed on the thirtieth day of ~~June~~ September of each year, and they shall be audited annually upon the direction of the Board of Directors. The Voting Members shall, at each Annual Meeting, appoint an Auditor to audit the accounts of the Association and to hold office until the next Annual Meeting, provided that the Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the Auditor. The remuneration of the Auditor shall be fixed by the Board of Directors. The Auditor must be independent of the Association and its Members.
- Article 8.6. All Members except Student Members and Sustaining Members shall be considered Voting Members and have equal voting rights at all meetings of the Association. All Directors, with the exception of Board appointed Local Arrangements Committee Co-chairs, shall have equal voting rights at all meetings of the Board of Directors. All voting resolutions of either body shall be carried by a simple majority unless otherwise required by these By-laws or applicable provisions of The Canada Corporations Act, as amended.
- Article 10.2. Election of a candidate to Membership is contingent upon payment of dues for the current year ~~within thirty days of notification of election by the Secretary Treasurer~~ to be submitted with the membership application.

A ballot and return envelope has been included with this newsletter. The ballot indicates the Article number and then includes a section where the membership may approve or not approve the proposed changes. As noted in Article 11 of the By Laws, two thirds of the votes cast within sixty days after mailing the ballot forms shall be necessary for their adoption.

17. Scholarships

The Association will present a scholarship in 2006 to a deserving post-secondary student. This presentation will be made at the Awards Luncheon in Charlottetown in November. The eligibility requirements have not been finalized but will be reviewed at the April Board Meeting and then forwarded to all colleges and other post-secondary institutions that teach asphalt-related subjects.

18. Volunteer Guest Lecturer Program

The Education and Training Committee have assembled a list of members who have volunteered to discuss and/or assist with presentation of asphalt-related topics. While some institutions are aware of this program it is the intention of the Committee to expand the contact base to include most of or all of the post-secondary institutions in Canada. The Committee would welcome more volunteers. Information can be obtained from the CTAA office.

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Secretary Treasurer