

The RSIC Presents ...

# THE WIRE

## From The President

**What a year so far!** To kick things off, I would like to welcome 7 new members to the RSIC: Kit Steel, Pultron Composites (Mateenbar), Herold Engineering, Max USA, Melsar Holdings, B&B Manufacturing, and Borgal Steel.

The Marketing committee has taken on the task of bringing the newsletter out more often, four times a year. The Wire will be somewhat shorter, but will bring more current, relevant and up to date articles and information. So I need to be more brief.

The long-awaited new Manual of Standard Practice (2018) was launched in November, showing it was well over due, sales have been great and it is well received. A huge thank you goes out to our Technical committee, Emin Buzimkic, Rick Dozzi, Maryam Rezaie, Sam Costa, Sean VanRassel, Andrew Oliver, Peter Spatola (retired) and Roger Hubbard. Job well done. This committee is also doing many presentations during the year, discussing the Manual as well as promoting our industry, to Engineers, Students, Designers and many of our own members staff.

We have exhibited at Buildex in Calgary and Vancouver, while in Toronto at the Construction Show (World of Concrete) and the Concrete Expo. In western Canada, we have had several dinner meetings, with presentations from Alberta Ministry of Infrastructure, also important roundtable discussions and in Vancouver a well received presentation from WorkSafe BC. The Ontario group have had presentations concerning the steel and construction economies and the Ministry of Transportation dealing with DSM lists and streamlining the way the MTO does business in our industry.

I would also be remis if I don't mention the upcoming AGM and convention in Halifax at the renowned Lord Nelson Hotel, surely the highlight of the year. Look for more info on our website or contact us directly via email. Have a great summer!

-Roger Hubbard  
President



## From The Social Committee

May's dinner meeting drew in a large crowd of 57 attendees at Le Parc to hear guest speaker, Steve Paiva, of the MTO discuss important industry topics such as the roles and responsibilities of inspectors, most common field issues, recent steel reinforcement issues and the performance of mechanical connectors. Our thanks to Steve for an informative dinner meeting and discussion!

Your Social Committee is working hard to organize an unforgettable AGM Convention in the Maritimes this September 5th – 8th at The Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites in Halifax. This historical hotel was recently remodeled and updated and will be perfect to host our group in their grand meeting and ballrooms. Convention highlights include a Celtic fiddle trio named The Fine Tuners to kick off Thursday evening,



another amazing local band named Merimac for a lively Friday night at the hotel, and a Saturday excursion to picturesque Peggy's Cove and dinner on the Halifax waterfront! If you plan to extend your stay and would like to book extra nights at The Lord Nelson, please notify Laura or Megan as soon as possible so they can coordinate with the hotel staff. [rsio@rebar.org](mailto:rsio@rebar.org) or [megan@barsplice.com](mailto:megan@barsplice.com)

## RSIC Golf Tournaments

**Both Eastern and Western Canada took part in golf tournaments this summer.**

Eastern Canada's was held in Burlington, ON at Crosswinds Golf & Country Club, whereas Western Canada's was held at The Harvest Golf Club in Kelowna, BC.

Congratulations goes to all the winners, all of the RSIC is already looking forward to next years tournament!





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## From The Marketing Committee

The RSIC Marketing Committee has been busy this year on a few fronts.

We're continuing to exhibit at as many trade shows as possible that we believe will help promote our Association and industry. So far this year the RSIC has attended the Buildex Vancouver Show as well as at the Canadian Concrete Expo in Toronto.

Rick Dozzi and Emin Buzemkic put on an excellent presentation regarding some RSIC Hot Topics and Common Problems and Solutions with Rebar, including; Bar/Grade Designations and drawing labeling inconsistencies, Minimum Length of Reinforcement in Two-Way Flat Plates and Flat Slabs without Beams, Lapping Bars of Different Sizes, Terminator vs. Headed Bar Terminology & Requirements, Rebar & PT Congested Areas, Modifications Factors, and much more. It was an excellent presentation with solid attendance and participation.

Rick Dozzi and Maryam Rezaie also put on an excellent presentation at the National Engineering Conference held at Seneca College geared towards careers in the Reinforcing Steel Industry. The attendee's showed a lot of interest in the opportunities and the presentation was very well attended and received.



We're actively maintaining a database of everyone who comes by to visit our booths and presentations at each event so that we can reach out when necessary regarding new products, shows, events and news.

The committee is also continuing to focus on increasing sales for both the MOSP as well as the Placing Manual. A recent advertisement for our MOSP was placed in the March issue of the Construction Canada publication. On top of the magazines regular readership, a copy was given to every attendee of the 2019 Canadian Concrete Expo. We'll continue to seek out beneficial advertisement opportunities across the country as necessary.

Due to the outdated server platform of our current website, we've been given the opportunity to assess and update what we currently have. Based on the analytics we've been watching we know that our website is well visited and optimizing its performance is important. We're focusing on a few key alterations, but are considering everything. If you have any ideas or suggestions please send them to Laura at [rsio@rebar.com](mailto:rsio@rebar.com).

## Did You Know?

- Did you know that approximately **1.2 million tonnes of rebar** are used in Canada **each year**
- Did you know that the first "Manual of Standard Practice" Came out in **1971**
- Did you know that modern domestically produced rebar contains around 97% recycled material—from old cars, appliances, hot water heaters, etc. Until up till the 1960's rebar used to be made of entire new material.

