

The RSIC Presents ...

THE WIRE

From The President

Well, what a great time everyone had at the RSIC Convention and AGM in Halifax, highlighted by surviving Hurricane Dorian blowing through town, making for very interesting times. Great work and a big thank you to Megan for quickly re-organizing events and dinner due to the storm on the weekend. We welcome new members, Schock Canada, Numesh and Piekko Canada.

In Ontario, we look forward to a Nov. 21 dinner meeting at LeParc in Markham, with Mr. Michael Zaks, of the Office of the Employer Advisor, presenting the new WSIB rate framework system, effective Jan. 1 2020.

In Alberta a dinner meeting is being planned for November along with a presentation to SAIT, Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, engineering students. A meeting of local members is planned around the Vancouver Buildex show February 12th and 13th 2020.

The RSIC is following through with leading a committee to have CSA G30.18 update and revise specifications and codes, before 2024. Of course stay tuned to www.rebar.org for news and event information. Enjoy the Fall!

-Roger Hubbard
President



The AGM in Halifax: A Convention to Remember

The RSIC held its Annual General Meeting and Convention at the Lord Nelson Hotel & Suites in Halifax, Nova Scotia from September 5 – 8th. Members from across the country and U.S. began the weekend enjoying beautiful sunny weather, the historical sites of Halifax, and the lively and hospitable Maritime culture. With news early in the week that Hurricane Dorian would make landfall in Halifax by the weekend, our quick-thinking President was able to swap our meeting day with our excursion day. Friday, we enjoyed a personalized tour to Peggy's Cove complete with a lobster roll lunch and picturesque views of the most photographed lighthouse in the world. Back at the Lord Nelson that evening, we danced to a local Maritime band called Merimac and all gathered to hear RSIC's own, Tim McMenniman, play some popular hits on the lobby piano. Many enjoyed the local pubs and tasty donairs into the early hours of the morning.

While the weather turned for the worst on Saturday, RSIC members were busy participating in the annual meeting. Our guest speaker this year was Lyle Sieg of Harris Rebar. His presentation focused on workplace safety and the immeasurable importance of instilling a workplace safety culture that every employee and manager embodies and takes pride in. Our thanks to Lyle for his informative and inspiring safety presentation.



The Technical Committee reported that the CSA G30.18 was reaffirmed in September but needs an "overhaul" requiring updating and revising codes and specifications to incorporate new steels and modern engineering practices. The four Canadian Mills will be heavily involved in the process as well. Members Rick Dozzi, Emin Buzimkic and Maryam Rezaie have been focusing on outreach and education by presenting to colleges, universities and engineering firms across Canada to promote careers in reinforcing steel, discuss codes and rebar detailing.

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Chris Seon from the Marketing Committee explained that his committee is starting to compile the history of the RSIC (formerly the RSIO) and would like your input! Please reach out to Chris or Roger with pictures, anecdotes and important timeline details of our organization and your company's participation through the years. Finally, Chris noted that they are working to update the RSIC website so that registration for member events and the AGM can be done electronically.

Saturday afternoon and evening were spent in the candle-lit Lord Nelson Lobby and Georgian Lounge. To everyone's great surprise and pleasure, our original restaurant selection for Saturday night, SHUCK Seafood & Bar, catered in an amazing selection of oysters, sushi, sliders and a roast beef slider meat carving station. We enjoyed the intimate ambiance of the historical hotel over wine, heavy hors d'oeuvres and the howling wind of Hurricane Dorian outside. It was a convention to remember!



From The Health & Safety Committee

The health and safety committee has had a busy 2019 so far. The committee continues to hold quarterly meetings, and recently switched to a SKYPE format. This makes it easier and more convenient for all members; as well as allows for anyone to attend regardless of their work locations.

Here is a list of **some** of the topics that were discussed in Q1-Q3:

1. M.O.L. Field Visits/Orders
2. Shop/Field/office Incidents
 - a. Load calculations and inspections for cranes/lifting chains
 - b. Detailer / estimator / office worker strains
 - c. L-bars protruding out of slab, creating trip hazards.
3. Round table safety best practices
 - a. Increased meeting frequency between with Ironworkers & Supervisors
 - b. Serious injury / fatality potential awareness as a safety issue. Focus on proactive rather than reactive
4. New WSIB rate framework, WSIB loading tool, WSIB Compass Program, and HSEP (Health & Safety Excellence Program)

New Mailing Address & Email!

Starting on October 1st, 2019, the RSIC Mailing address has changed. The new address is:

70 Weybright Ct. Unit 6
Scarborough, ON
M1S 4E4

The new Email is:
RSIC@rebar.org

Please make sure to update your company records and update appropriate personnel!