



NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Oakleaves Framing & Construction Inc

Diaser Management (2006) Ltd

Boge & Boge (1980) Ltd

Lakefront Restorers

Matthew Mechanical Ltd

G Mahoney Electrical Ltd

Normandeau Roofing

2009-2010 TRAINING

Our "training season" started with a very successful session of Construction Contracts and Contract Law. Advanced Supervisor Training has been put on hold until a later date due to a scheduling conflict. The Estimating course is now full and we have started a waiting list should someone have to drop out last minute. Contact us for information on any of the upcoming courses.

Project Planning and Cost Control
January 14, 15 & 16, 2010

Supervisor Training Program
February 22, 23, 24, 25 & 26, 2010

Communication Skills
March 4, 5 & 6, 2010

Principles of Construction Management
April 8, 9 & 10, 2010

SAFETY TRAINING

In the New Year we will embark on a new project. We will offer our members the computer based Construction Safety Training System (CSTS). This program is recognized as a vital tool in raising awareness on construction sites, to the extent that many sites in provinces to the west of us have adopted this program and mandated it as the means for gate access. The training will take between 2 and 6 hours depending on the participants' success rate as they work independently through the program. There is an exam at the end of each section and a 100% must be attained before moving from one section to the next. The cost per person will be approximately \$35.00. We are in the process of working out the final details on how the program will come to fruition. Watch for an update in the New Year.

Topics covered:

- The Law at Work
- Machinery, Tools & Equipment
- Workplace Hazards
- Mobile Equipment
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Excavating & Trenching
- Personal Physical Care
- Emergency Response
- Housekeeping
- Working With Chemicals (WHMIS)
- Ladders & Scaffolding
- Environmental Factors

APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS

Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba was a Platinum Sponsor of the third annual "Apprenticeship Awards of Distinction" gala dinner which was held October 23, 2009 at the Delta Winnipeg. We offer our congratulations to Steve Van Mil of Dreamcraft Carpentry Ltd for his nomination as Journeyperson of the Year, Rural.

We encourage our members to put forth nominations in all categories including Employer of the Year, Rural and Urban, and Journeyperson of the Year, Rural and Urban. For information regarding the 2010 award nominations contact our office.

OPEN HOUSE

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our 3rd annual Open House on Thursday, October 22, 2009. It was a successful event and a good time was had by all. We were pleased to have in attendance this year the Honourable Minister Nancy Allan, Deputy Minister Jeff Parr and Deputy Minister Leonard Harapiak.

We look forward to seeing you next year!



Harvey and I wish you all a safe and festive holiday season.