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Message From The Chancellor – April 2022



George Heath, FCSC
Chancellor

As reported to CSC members last year, the Association lost two very distinguished Life Members and Fellows of the College. Ivan Lavender FCSC, RSW and Casey Skakun, FCSC, RSW will be remembered and respected for their leadership and initiative in striving to make our association a respected voice in construction communications.

The Chancellor was invited by CSI's College of Fellows Executive Committee to participate as a guest in their regular meetings. These meetings have provided an interesting insight into how CSI utilizes the experience and expertise of their Fellows. Thank you to John Lape for facilitating this liaison between our association Colleges.

This year CSC's College Officers embarked on an initiative to regularly liaise with the Association's EC and Board to explore opportunities where the College can support CSC programs and activities. Discussions to date have led to the following undertakings by the Officers of the College:



1. Create a template for soliciting biographies from each of the members of the College of Fellows for archiving purposes (this is a continuation of a program identified at the Fellows AGM in 2019).

2. Undertake initiatives to improve CSC member awareness of the qualifications required to become a CSC Fellow (this too came from discussions in 2019 regarding the identification of candidates for membership in the College)

3. Consider a review of the qualifications required to become a member of the College.

4. Consider establishing a Fellow's advisory panel to assist with the Association's pending Tech Tips program.

5. Encourage Fellows at the Chapter level to have informal gatherings to maintain friendships, encourage their collegial commitment to CSC and consider ways they can support Chapter programs.

As suggested by the EC, Officers of the College have undertaken a review of the procedures for nomination to the College and will be presenting a report c/w recommendation at this year's College of Fellows AGM.



Officers of the College are also updating the College's Terms of Reference to reflect the removal of the Treasurer's position from the list of Officers and include protocols that recommend the Officers of the College liaise at least twice per year with the Association President and EC to identify initiatives or activities where the College can be of service.

Although CSC's College of Fellows members come from a variety of industries in the design + construction community, they share a common bond and comradery in their commitment to the values and goals of our Association. Generally, opportunities for Fellows to experience this comradery as a group are limited to the celebrations that accompany the induction of new Fellows or more formally during the business of our AGM. Officers of the College are discussing options to expand these opportunities for members of the College to gather through a virtual national forum of Fellows. More will follow on this initiative in the coming months but in the interim, we are encouraging Fellows in your chapter to assemble as a group for dinner, lunch or just a few beverages. An informal gathering of the Fellows of your chapter can help ensure the comradery of your group is maintained and your commitment to our Association remains strong. Several fellows from Edmonton have graciously provided us with a brief article that outlines the enjoyment and friendship the Edmonton chapter Fellows derive from the informal gatherings they conduct several times each year. It's a story worth reading.



Congratulations to Mila Legge RSW and Wyatt Eckert on their election to the College of Fellows. Mila and Wyatt will be formally inducted into the College at our upcoming conference in Niagara Falls.

Officers of the College for the 2021/22 year are:

George Heath FCSC – Chancellor

John Lape FCSC, FCSI – Dean

Mike Garlinski FCSC – Registrar

Officers for the 2022/23 year will be announced at the Fellows AGM in Niagara Falls. Please plan to attend.

Thank you to Ken Rowson FCSC for pulling together this year's fellowship news and to Sandro Ubaldino FCSC for his many years of keeping this important communication tool active.

Respectfully,

George Heath, FCSC

Chancellor



Life Membership



Mr. Willem de Lint, FCSC, is the latest Fellow to become an Honorary Life Member of CSC. In 1966-1967 Mr. de Lint was President of the Association. Mr. de Lint is a member of the Regina Chapter.

Over the past two years, three other Fellows also received the honours of this distinction.

The College would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the honorees from 2020, Claude Giguere FCSC, Susan Morris FCSC and Don Shortreed FCSC, RSW as well as the 2021 honoree Bob Spenst FCSC, CTR, CCCA on their Life Memberships.

The Life Membership Award is the highest accolade that CSC can bestow on an individual. It is presented in recognition of outstanding service, dedication, support and commitment to the Association and the design + construction community.

COLLEGE OF FELLOWS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The College of Fellows will meet in person at the 2022 CSC National Conference being held in Niagara Falls on Friday, May 27th.

The meeting will be in the Fallsview Room at the Sheraton Fallsview Hotel. The meeting will begin at 7:30 AM and run until 8:45 AM.

Note: Details regarding breakfast that morning will be confirmed onsite.

**** BYOB.....BRING YOUR OWN BARRELL!!**





2022 COLLEGE
OF FELLOWS
INDUCTEES

WYATT ECKERT

MILA LEGGE RSW



Wyatt Eckert

CLASS OF 2022

Wyatt originally joined CSC in 1996, and after a brief hiatus rejoined in 2002. He served on the Regina chapter for over 10 years before being elected to the CSC Executive Council in 2016 and served as the Association President in 2020 – 2021. In Wyatt’s own words, his year as president “trumped all others as CSC’s most non-traditional year”. Using technology to maintain a working relationship with the Association office and the Board of Directors, and hosting CSC’s first virtual conference, AGM, and awards ceremony, Wyatt ensured CSC remained relevant, and members remained connected and engaged. Described as thoughtful and calm, willing to listen and at times playing devil’s advocate, Wyatt helped steer CSC through uncertainties, challenges and differing opinions that had to be negotiated, ensuring the organization became more flexible and agile. He “virtually” made it happen.

Before his time on the Executive Council, Wyatt was instrumental in providing stability to the Regina Chapter Executive. He had the unenviable task of presiding over some needed turnover, and actively recruited new members to take on leadership roles. He had the vision and foresight to understand that the chapter needed a younger and more diverse executive to lead it into the future.

Wyatt is a strong proponent of CSC education courses and designations. He organized and taught both the PCD and CCA courses and continues to promote CSC educational opportunities. Wyatt fostered the ongoing relationship between CSC Regina and Saskatchewan Polytechnic's architectural technologies program, including the annual students' dinner where members of the program and the local construction industry meet for a night of mentorship and networking. This event has been an invaluable educational and recruitment tool that is heavily supported by the Regina construction industry. Wyatt has also worked behind the scenes with both local and national interests to get CSC education courses included as part of Saskatchewan Polytechnic's core curriculum for multiple construction degree and diploma programs.

Wyatt holds a diploma in Architectural Technology and is a member of Heritage Saskatchewan, and the Association of Preservation Technology International. He is presently a principal at P3 Architecture Partnership in Regina, SK.

Professional Honours and Awards:

- CSC Chapter Award of Merit – 2015

Elected and Appointed positions in CSC:

- Regina Chapter Chair 2010-2011 / Director 2012-2013
- Regina Chapter Education Officer
- CSC National 2nd – 4th Vice President 2016-2019 / Vice President 2019-2020
- CSC National President 2020-2021
- CSC National Immediate Past President 2021-2022





Mila Legge
RSW

CLASS OF 2022

After immigrating to Canada in 1992, Mila started working for CBCL Consulting Engineers in Halifax, NS in 1994, where she was mentored by Walter Strachan and Corinne Golding. Encouraged to join CSC, she became a member in 1998, and became actively involved with the Atlantic Chapter shortly thereafter. She took on a variety of roles at the chapter level including specifications officer and served on the 1998 CSC annual conference committee. An engineer by training, Mila continued her professional education and attained her Registered Specification Writer designation in 2007. She is also a LEED accredited professional.

After achieving her RSW designation, and in recognition of the value of CSC continuing education programs, Mila volunteered first on the CSP subcommittee, and currently serves on the RSW subcommittee, also acting as a mentor to RSW candidates.

Since 2012, Mila has been one of CSC's representatives on the Canadian Construction Documents Committee (CCDC). She worked on the new CCDC2-2020 contract, and the new CCDC Division 01 among the many documents prepared by CCDC for the Canadian construction industry. As well as her committee work, Mila has also been a speaker and presenter of CCDC documents at CSC conferences and at CCDC seminars.

Mila has over the years also assisted the publishers of CSC's Construction Canada magazine in reviewing articles towards the award of the F. Ross Browne Award. She also served for five years as a voting member of the Canadian Commission on Construction Materials Evaluation (CCCME), appointed by the National Research Council (NRC).

She is respected for her high level of professionalism, thoughtfulness, and due diligence in all the roles she takes on. She is a strong advocate of CSC, its mission, vision and values, and education programs.

Professional honours and awards:

- CSC Program Director's Award for Education
- CSC Program Director's Award for Technical Studies Committee

Elected and appointed positions in CSC:

- CSC representative on CCDC since 2012
- Education Certification Committee, CSP & RSW subcommittees since 2012
- Formerly served on the Construction Canada editorial advisory board
- Formerly served on the Atlantic Chapter - executive member

Mila currently works for NORR Architects in Toronto as a senior specification writer.



The Edmonton Fellows “Our Secret Sauce”



Our group of fellows was asked by the Officers of the College of Fellows to describe what we do to maintain our connectiveness and comradery and provide some guidance to the Fellows across Canada about our activities and perhaps how they can create a similar set of relationships.

We polled our group (because that is what we do for any discussion about Fellow's business) for ideas about the ‘secret sauce’ that keeps us all connected and engaged.

We had extraordinarily little response from our group – which is not surprising – because we feel there is nothing special that we do here. At least the basis of the non-response being that we do nothing that could not be put into action at any other Chapter location across Canada. As with all of us we all have busy lives; scheduling work activities and personal goings-on, but always manage to make the time to meet as a group at least once a year (sometimes more) based on topics of concern for the Chapter or the Association.

It is as simple as that... we make the time to meet.

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to meet.”*

The simplicity of the statement belies the complexity involved with the activities to bring us together but comes down to a tradition that was established by John Chomiak FCSC, P.Eng. many decades ago. John was a member of the Edmonton Petroleum Club and would bring the Fellows together for supper to renew friendships and discuss our experiences since the last time we met. He created the space, and the Fellows contributed to the opportunity.

George Oakley FCSC, RSW was the first member from Edmonton that was elevated to the College of Fellows in 1971 and was the only Fellow for many years until he was joined by Wayne Watson FCSC, RSW in 1976. They would meet prior to regular chapter meetings and discuss issues affecting the preparation of specifications. They came at the problem from different sides of production, George being a public works participant and Wayne being a private sector consultant... they always had a lot to discuss.

Casey Skakun FCSC, MRAIC, RSW was welcomed by George and Wayne in 1981, and completed the element of professional practice to the Edmonton Triumvirate of Fellows. John Chomiak joined these ranks in 1983, with Gino Ferri FCSC added as a pot stirrer in 1986, and Bob Murray as a frontman in 1991. John and the others were huge supporters of the Edmonton Chapter, and made it known to the Chapter Executive that the strength of the Association is rooted at the quality of the local programs. They made themselves available for panel discussions and technical presentations at Chapter Events (usually on short notice), whenever a guest presenter cancelled or when a topic could not be covered.



EDMONTON CHAPTER FELLOWS MEETING OCTOBER 2021

Back row (L-R): David Reburn, Michael Schneider, Keith Robinson, Herb Guhl, David Lawrence

Front row (L-R): David Watson, Peter Semchuk, Gino Ferri, Cathy Saar-Paradis

Absent: John Chomiak, Bob Murray

This group of Fellows set the standard and established the familial relationships for the Chapter, and for all the newer Fellows that were inducted after 2000. John made it his duty to initiate a meeting of the Fellows after each induction. He made it clear that the primary purpose of being a Fellow was to actively contribute to the Chapter, and that Fellowship was not a personal attribute simply added to your string of letters on a business card. Fellowship was a responsibility to the members of CSC, that our purpose is to mentor, guide and help when asked or when necessary (when people were too shy to ask) to maintain the purpose of CSC.

We lost George, Casey and Wayne and grieved their passing in a similar way through a gathering of the Fellows. Many of us that remain are now entering the later stages of our careers and are retired or in the process of retiring, but we maintain the tradition and acquaint each new local inductee into our family. We still meet regularly to discuss matters of concern that range from making recommendations for Life Memberships, nominations to the College, discuss matters that affect the College (most recently, the recommendation for the Wayne Watson Scholarship Fund), and to strategize how we can best assist our Edmonton Chapter in providing support for member stability and guidance to the executive.

As Mike Schneider stated, “In all honesty, CSC Edmonton as a Chapter and the Fellows, have been my best friends and go-to people for specification and construction matters over the years. It’s been a great relationship which I believe we’ve all given to and received back 10-fold.”

And perhaps that is the second simple reason... we pay it forward.



2020 COLLEGE
OF FELLOWS
INDUCTEES

KAZIM KANINI CSP, CCCA
TOM NEWTON CCCA

CLASS OF 2020

Kazim (known to all as Kaz) Kanani has been one of those rising CSC stars that everyone recognizes since he joined the Association in 2007. Some feared he might burn out, that his youthful energy and valour for the Association might wane over time. Far from it! He continues to advocate and promote CSC at the Toronto Chapter and at the national level, including currently serving as a Vice-President on CSC's Board of Directors. He has been called an ideas guy, a let's-get-it-done and how-can-we-make-it-better sort of person. When people talk about Kaz, they use adjectives such as fair, accountable, detail-oriented, and thorough. Another has summed up his personality in this way: "He is always the one at the end of the night that makes sure the bill gets paid and everyone gets home safe."

A professional headshot of Kazim (Kaz) Kanani, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark suit jacket over a blue patterned shirt. The background is a solid blue color.

Kazim (Kaz) Kanani
CSP, CCCA



Tom Newton
CCCA

CLASS OF 2020

Tom Newton has worked in the construction, design, and contract administration field for more than 50 years! He became a CSC member in 1990 and has been an independent specifications consultant in the Calgary area for decades.

Tom has been one of those volunteer members every Chapter hopes to have. He is always willing to step up and help whenever asked. He has taught CSC courses, sat on a Certified Technical Representative (CTR) presentation review panel, mentored emerging professionals, written articles for the Chapter newsletter, and volunteered for the golf tournament, to name but a few examples. He played a key role as the CSC Calgary liaison to both the Calgary Construction Association (CCA) and the Alberta Roofing Contractors Association (ARCA) for many years.

In 1992, he became one of two Calgary trustees for the CSC-Alberta Section-Training Trust Fund, which was instrumental in the development and funding of CSC's education courses.



2021 COLLEGE
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INDUCTEES

STEVE GUSTERSON CTR
GREG HOFSTED
YVON LACHANCE

CLASS OF 2021



Steve has been, and continues to be, an active member of the Toronto Chapter since joining over 20 years ago. One endorser noted: “It is rare to find individuals attend most Chapter events, sitting on the Executive, volunteering on committees, teaching courses, all while engaging members and inspiring future volunteers.”

“Steve is a person of integrity, dedicated to everything CSC,” said another of his endorsers. “Since his first days of volunteering, he has demonstrated a capacity to project a quiet confidence that attracts many people to join in and work with him. He has at heart the future of the Association and contributes wherever he is asked offering his experience and mentorship.

Steve Gusterson is a great example of a member proud to say, “I am CSC.”

**Steve Gusterson,
FCSC, CTR**



Greg Hofsted, FCSC

CLASS OF 2021

Greg would be the first person to say CSC initiatives and accomplishments at all levels come through the efforts and commitments of many individuals and cannot be attributed to any one CSC member. That said, it takes leadership, team building, compassion, and a willingness to take risks to create an environment where new ideas and success can foster. Greg has provided that leadership in a variety of roles and levels to help CSC thrive and make significant progress in meeting its strategic goals and objectives. Indeed, the years Greg served as Winnipeg Chair and then Director led to the Chapter receiving the Lloyd Boddy Chapter of the Year Award three years in a row.

Greg has been a CSC member since 2004 and is a great example of a member proud to say, "I am CSC."

CLASS OF 2021

Yvon's involvement in CSC, combined with his charisma and recognition of the importance of the Association to the construction industry, allowed him to take many leadership roles within CSC, serving three years as Chapter Chair followed by four years as Chapter Director. At the Chapter level, he was involved in almost all the committees. Recognizing the importance of CSC's Education Program to French-speaking members, he committed himself to the translation of the Association's education material. He has dedicated himself to this task for the past six years and remains committed to seeing it through to completion. He has broadened his CSC education focus by also being a member of the Education Program Advisory Committee (EPAC), promoting the PCD course to Canadian technical institutions.

Yvon Lachance is a great example of a member proud to say, "Je suis DCC."



Yvon Lachance
FCSC, CCCA

IN MEMORIAM

On August 7th, 2021 **Mr. Ivan Lavander, FCSC RSW** passed away in Almonte, Ontario. Ivan was 88 years old.

Mr. Lavander first joined CSC in 1957, served as President of Specifications Writers Association of Canada (SWAC), predecessor of today's CSC, 1962-1963. As an active member of the Ottawa Chapter, he served as Chapter Chair and Director and helped author the first Home Study Program. Further he positioned the Association as a leading provider of private sector input into the NMS, which ultimately led to its transformation from the Government Master Specifications to today's National Master Specifications.

On October 16, 2021 at the age of 88 years, **Casey Anotoly Skakun** passed away, surrounded by loving family.

Casey Skakun, B.Arch, FRAIC, RSW, FCSC, a founding member of the CSC Edmonton chapter, he was a member of the RSW Registration Board from 1984 until 1990. In 1981 he was inducted into the CSC College of Fellows. He received the CSC Life Membership Award in 2003.





2021 AGM DRAFT MINUTES



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CSC College of Fellows 2021 AGM - June 9, 2021

- Virtual Meeting called to order at 10:04 CST by the Chancellor John Lape
- Call for the any changes to the Agenda, which Nick Franjic confirmed was shared in the May 26th Email to members of the College
- Roll Call taken - (self-Introductions) with more than two full pages of Zoom screen boxes in attendance!
- There was no 2020 meeting, so no Draft Minutes to review and accept.
- No deceased Fellows in the Calendar year 2020.
- The Chancellor confirmed that in 2019 COF AGM it was decided to eliminate the Treasurer position.
- The Chancellor advised that the COF was doing a Biography and a template would be sent out to all members to fill in
- No COF Newsletter produced as of late, so Sandro Ubaldino volunteered he could take it over again.
- The Chancellor shared the importance of the Nominating Committee (known volunteers for the Committee are John Lape, Kim Tompkins, Keith Robinson & ?) and how important that was for us to be active with that.



- New Class (2021) inductees were introduced:
 - Steve Gusterson, FCSC
 - Greg Hofsted, FCSC
 - Yvon Lachance, FCSC
- The Chancellor introduced the current (2020/2021 Officers) – John Lape, Chancellor; Mike Garlinski, Dean & Sandro Ubaldino, Registrar
- The Chancellor announced 2021/2022 Officers - George Heath, Chancellor; Mike Garlinski, Dean & John Lape, Registrar (Tom Newton moved acceptance of Officers)
- Financial Report – Nick confirmed that with no activities in 2021 there was nothing to Report.
- The Chancellor acknowledged the new CSC Life Members:
 - 2021: Bob Spenst FCSC, CTR, CCCA
 - 2020: Claude Giguere FCSC, Susan Morris FCSC, Don Shortread FCSC, RSW
- It was discussed that we acknowledge and induct (via in person ceremony) all the Fellows elected to the College in 2020 & 2021 at the 2022 CSC Conference.



THE BACK PAGE

The College was inaugurated by the Board of Directors in 1967 for the purpose of officially recognizing members who have made outstanding contribution to the enhancement of the Association.

To be elected to the College of Fellows is a proud honour. Fellows individually avail themselves of every opportunity to communicate their experience and knowledge not only in the Association but in their respective vocation, and in doing so, exemplify the aims and objectives of Construction Specifications Canada. Fellows have an obligation to support the activities of the Association at every opportunity.

