

From The Executive Director ...

The winter of 2008-2009 proved to be slower than expected, partly due to the weather conditions and partly due to the economic downturn.

With the Federal Government announced Infrastructure Program and the Capital Projects announced in the Government of Saskatchewan budget, 2009 looks to be an average year for the masonry industry in Saskatchewan.

The 2008 Masonry Design Awards proved to be a huge success with 82 projects entered and over 400 people in attendance at the Gala. Thanks goes out to all participants in this event.

At the Design Awards, SMI President Luc Durette and SMI Treasurer Dominic Iula made the announcement of an endowment of \$1.25 million dollars to fund the "Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design" at the University of Saskatchewan. For more information on this endowment, please see page 5 of this newsletter.

We are hoping for a good year for our industry in Saskatchewan.

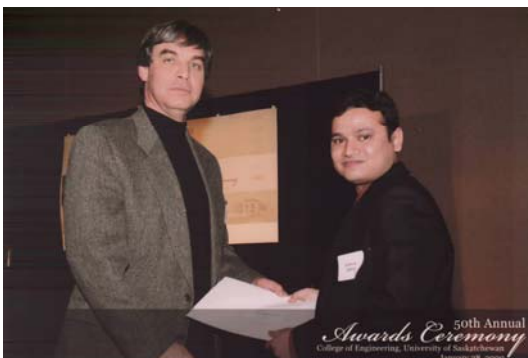
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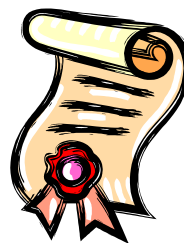
- ◆ SMI Annual Golf Tournament—August 19, 2009 at Dakota Dunes Golf Course.
- ◆ 11th Canadian Masonry Symposium hosted by McMaster University from May 31 to June 3, 2009 at the Marriot Hotel in Yorkville ON
- ◆ 43rd Annual Canadian Masonry Conference—Scottsdale, Arizona, February 10-12, 2010 at the Royal Palms Resort and Spa
Information will be available shortly at CMCA -
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Gunnar Hagblom Scholarship

On January 28, 2009, at the University of Saskatchewan's 50th Annual Awards Ceremony, the **Gunnar Hagblom Scholarship** was presented to this years recipient, Kawsar Ahmad by Bruce Sparling, Professor of Civil Engineering.



Professor Bruce Sparling & Kawsar Ahmad



2008 masonry design awards

The 2008 Saskatchewan Masonry Design Awards were held February 7, 2009 at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Emcee, John Blair of the Canada Masonry Contractors Association, welcomed over 400 guests who were in attendance to help celebrate the outstanding work created by some of the finest designers and builders in our province. This, our largest Masonry Design Awards to date, saw 82 projects entered into various categories.



Emcee, John Blair toasts Piper, Malcolm Sissons, President of I-XL Industries Ltd.



Mayor Don Atchison brings greetings from the City of Saskatoon



Emcee, John Blair

It was an exciting and innovative event with guests entertained not only by singers, musicians, actors and dancers, but by screens that encircled the room to tell a pictorial story of the boom times in our province. The evening began with a young Saskatchewan from 1905 to the 1920's.



Professor Fustbuster, from the Off Broadway Theatrical Troupe, entertains the crowd

Professor Fustbuster arrived at the gala to present an Undergraduate Introductory Seminar entitled "Saskatchewan's First Boom". He explained that he was the first full time professor hired by the new University of Saskatchewan. He was here when Prime Minister Laurier laid the first cornerstone for the College Building and he assured the crowd that he had tenure and like that cornerstone, he is permanently entrenched here too.

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As the evening progressed, several categories of awards had been presented, but we were not done with our stories. The screens changed to depict the 1960's era, another boom period in Saskatchewan.

The portrayal of the 60's would not have been complete without GoGo Dancers and Hippies.



def SOL Hip Hop Dance Crew created their version of a GoGo dance to start the 60's time period.

"This boom technically began in the 50's", said John Blair, "so you will enjoy a combination of memories from a more simple time and memories of a decade where pop culture took a firm hold, where hippies ruled the day, and where Saskatchewan, once again, took a leap in its progress toward what we are experiencing today".



A surprise visit from some local Hippies was a highlight of the evening. They entertained the crowd with a comedy routine and an amazing rendition of a few tunes from the era.

Most in attendance would recognize the 'Stoners' as Allan Duddridge, Butch Amundson and David Hutton from Stantec Architecture and Maurice Soulodre from Maurice Soulodre Architect.

Who knew that four gentlemen from the Design Community had such diverse talent?

From left to right: Maurice Soulodre, Allan Duddridge, Butch Amundson and David Hutton

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The stories have progressed through the times and we now come to present day.

Honourable Lyle Stewart, Minister of Enterprise & Innovation, took the stage to bring greetings from the Government of Saskatchewan. He also told the story of the current boom period that Saskatchewan is going through.



Honourable Lyle Stewart



Once again the def SOL Hip Hop Dance Crew entertained the audience. Their current day dance depicted a day on a construction site.

Special Recognition Award



Chuck Riou presents Ellen Remai with the 2008 Special Recognition Award



Ellen Remai

The Masonry Design Awards are not just about celebrating the individual projects that have contributed to Saskatchewan's lasting architectural landscape, but also an opportunity to honour individuals and organizations that have invested themselves in something much bigger.

The University of Saskatchewan, for example, was honoured at the 2004 Masonry Design Awards for its 100 years of commitment to masonry use that has resulted in one of the most beautiful campuses in the world.

In recognition for their many contributions to masonry construction and to the community, the Saskatchewan Masonry Institute was honoured to name Frank and Ellen Remai of P.R. Developments Ltd., the recipients of the 2008 Special Recognition Award. The Remai's legacy is more than buildings, but these developments are some of the most visible symbols of their work ethic and passion for quality.

Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design at the University of Saskatchewan

SMI CONTRIBUTES \$1.25 MILLION TO U OF S FOR MASONRY DESIGN TRAINING



Proposal of new College of Engineering building which will house the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design

At the 2008 Masonry Awards Gala held February 7, 2009, Saskatchewan Masonry Institute President Luc Durette of Scorpio Masonry SK Ltd., and Treasurer Dominic Iula of City Masonry Contractors Ltd., announced an endowment of 1.25 million dollars to the University of Saskatchewan to ensure continuing quality and stability in masonry design education for engineers.

This endowment in the name of the industry's association, the Saskatchewan Masonry Institute (SMI), was made possible by the financial investments of Gracom Masonry a JV, City Masonry Contractors Ltd., Scorpio Masonry SK Ltd., Steinhubl's Masonry Ltd., Koby Masonry Construction, Walchuk Masonry Ltd., Cindercrete Products Ltd., Expocrete Concrete Products Ltd. and the Canada Concrete Masonry Producers Association.

"These funds will be the foundation for success over the coming decades, as they will create the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design at the University of Saskatchewan," said Luc Durette. "The Centre will ensure that masonry is an integral part of training engineers how to effectively and efficiently design masonry systems using all elements of masonry such as brick, stone, concrete block, tile and mortar."

"We have a responsibility to transfer knowledge and skills to the next generation of workers, as well as engineers. All of us who have enjoyed the benefits of the masonry industry need to conserve that legacy for future generations, and it all starts with good design," said Dominic Iula.

Dr. Janusz Koziński, Dean of the College of Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan came to Saskatoon from McGill University. He brought with him a grand vision and exciting plan to take the College of Engineering to the next level of advanced engineering education. One of the many initiatives in the works is the development of a new Engineering complex which will house the new Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design.

The new endowment for the Saskatchewan Centre for Design in Masonry will go a long way to produce well rounded engineers with advanced knowledge in masonry, as well as provide opportunities for new research to ensure the industry is on the leading edge.

Planning for the Saskatchewan Centre has begun and will be phased in over the next five to seven years. In the meantime, the current engineering curriculum will be enriched with masonry design, translating into a stronger, more innovative masonry industry.

Dominic Iula and Luc Durette present Dr. Janusz Koziński with a plaque commemorating the donation from SMI



From left to right: Dominic Iula, Dr. Janusz Koziński and Luc Durette

Dr. Janusz Koziński thanks SMI for their generosity and describes what this Centre will mean to the Masonry Industry, the University and to Saskatchewan.



Dr. Janusz Koziński

2008 Saskatchewan Masonry Design Awards

AND THE AWARD GOES TO....

Architectural Masonry Design Award—Commercial

Award of Excellence

**INNOVATION CREDIT UNION
SWIFT CURRENT**



Award of Merit

121 Research Drive—Saskatoon

Honourable Mention

*Stadium Parkade, University of
Saskatchewan—Saskatoon*

Architectural Masonry Design Award—Institutional

Award of Excellence

**REGINA AIRPORT EXPANSION
REGINA**



Award of Merit

*Regina Provincial Correctional Centre—
Regina*

Honourable Mention

*Water Treatment Plant Sludge Handling
Facility—Saskatoon*

Architectural Masonry Design Award—Educational

Award of Excellence

**TOMMY DOUGLAS COLLEGIATE / CIVIC
CENTRE PHASE 1
SASKATOON**



Award of Merit

Central Park Learning Centre—Nipawin

Honourable Mention

*Vincent Massey Community School—
Prince Albert*

Architectural Masonry Design Award—High-Rise

Award of Excellence

**THE RIVERFRONT
SASKATOON**



Award of Merit

Renaissance Retirement Residence—Regina

Honourable Mention

Fremai Tower—Saskatoon

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AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Architectural Masonry Design Award—Renovation

Award of Excellence

**GOVERNMENT HOUSE HERITAGE PROPERTY
REGINA**



Award of Merit

Stark & Marsh Office Building—Swift Current

Honourable Mention

*College of Law Building Addition & Renovation,
University of Saskatchewan—Saskatoon*

Residential Masonry Design Award—Single Family

Award of Excellence

**SINGH RESIDENCE
SASKATOON**



Award of Merit

Tell / Kabulak Residence—Regina

Honourable Mention

Dominic & Leann Iula Residence—Saskatoon

Structural Masonry Design Award

Award of Excellence

**WINGATE HOTEL
REGINA**



Award of Merit

Muskoday School—Muskoday First Nation

Honourable Mention

Kanekaneet K-9 School—Nakaneet I.R. 168

Residential Masonry Design Award—Multi Unit Dwelling
(4 stories & under)

Award of Excellence

**TUSCANY RIDGE
SASKATOON**



Award of Merit

The Landing 'A' & 'B' - Saskatoon

Honourable Mention

Oscana Centre—Regina

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AND THE AWARD GOES TO....

Restoration Masonry Design Award

Award of Excellence

**MOOSE JAW COURT HOUSE FAÇADE
RESTORATION
MOOSE JAW**



Award of Merit

*College Building, University of Saskatchewan—
Saskatoon*

Artistic Masonry Design Award

Award of Excellence

**CHIEF KAHKEWISTAHAW COMMUNITY SCHOOL
KAHKEWISTAHAW FIRST NATION**



Award of Merit

River Landing Pavilion—Saskatoon

Honourable Mention

*Shrine to the Nun Martyrs Venerable Olympia
and Venerable Laurentia—Saskatoon*

Presidential Masonry Design Award

**BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
SASKATOON**



Owner: Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools

Architect: AODBT Architects Ltd.

Engineer: Robb Kullman Engineering LLP

General Contractor: Graham Construction &
Engineering Inc.

Masonry Contractor: Koby Masonry Construction

**Congratulations to all Entrants...the 2008 Saskatchewan Masonry
Design Awards saw some truly outstanding Masonry Design
and Construction.**

2008 masonry design awards

SMI would like to thank all of the Sponsors who made the 2008 Masonry Design Awards a HUGE Success!

Without their dedication to the Masonry Industry, we would not have been able to make this awards program, our largest to date, such an extravagant event.

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Sitting: Dominic Iula, Kathy Beznoska,
Bob Afseth & Luc Durette.
Standing: Burleigh Hill, Brian Stumborg &
Ron Chelack
Missing: Chuck Riou & Russ Lebell

2008 Masonry Design Awards Committee

SMI would like to extend their appreciation to the Design Awards Committee for dedicating their time to this endeavor.



For your copy of the *NEW* Masonry Design Magazine which highlights the 2008 Masonry Design Awards please send request via email to info@saskmasonry.ca

42nd Annual CMCA Conference

The 2009 CMCA Conference was held February 23 to 26 at the Ritz-Carleton Resort in Kapalua, on the beautiful island of Maui.



For the delegates in attendance, the conference wasn't all fun in the sun!! Each day began with seminars on many diverse topics such as Economic Labour Market Outlook, a CCMPA Session, a Legal Session on Drug & Alcohol Testing, as well as a session on Double Breasting in Canada.



Dr. Janusz Koziński and Professor Bruce Sparling from the University of Saskatchewan were on hand, to discuss the path that the University is taking towards enhancing the training in Masonry Design. They discussed the vision for the Saskatchewan Centre for Masonry Design, the new venture between SMI and the University.

The conference also included sessions by many of Canada's leading Universities. Representatives were on hand from McMasters University, University of Calgary, University of Alberta and the University of Saskatchewan. Each representative discussed what their Universities were doing to further the education and research in masonry design.



Dr. Janusz Koziński



Professor Bruce Sparling



The informational part of the conference ended with the CMCA Annual General Meeting.



And Then There was Fun ...



2009 Saskatchewan Skills Competition

The third annual Saskatchewan Masonry Skills Competition was held on April 16, 2009 at the Apprenticeship School located at SIAST Kelsey Campus in Saskatoon. This year's event had 6 competitors from different areas of the province. SMI is proud of the accomplishments of these individuals and encourages each one to continue a career in the masonry industry. Congratulations to all the competitors for a job well done.

The Competition....



The Saskatchewan Masonry Institute would like to extend our appreciation to the three judges who took time out of their day to evaluate the accomplishments of the competitors at this year's competition. Their input was invaluable.

The Judges

Ray Schafer
Wes Cumming
Larry Evans



From left to right: Ray Schafer, Larry Evans & Wes Cumming



From left to right: Bradley Mann, Robert O'Hare, Derek Halldorson, Beau Peterson, Angela Lee and Shane Harris

2009 Saskatchewan Skills Competition

The Competitors....



Robert O'Hare
R & R Masonry
Lloydminster



Beau Peterson
JLP Masonry
Regina



Angela Lee
Scorpio Masonry SK Ltd.
Saskatoon



Bradley Mann
Scholl Masonry
North Battleford



Derek Halldorson
Gracom Masonry, a JV
Regina



Shane Harris
Wasylynka Masonry Contractor
Yorkton



from left to right Robert O'Hare,
Derek Halldorson & Bradley Mann

1st Place—Derek Halldorson
Gracom Masonry

2nd Place—Bradley Mann
Scholl Masonry

3rd Place—Robert O'Hare
R & R Masonry

2012 Saskatchewan Masonry Design Awards

Eligibility Requirements:

Project must be located in the
Province of Saskatchewan

Project must be completed between
July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2012

All building types are eligible for entry

Purpose of the Awards:

To recognize Architects, Engineers,
Designers, Builders and Owners for
substantial, imaginative and/or creative
use of masonry in building design and
construction.

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Awards Categories:

Architectural

Commercial
Educational
Institutional
High-Rise (5 stories or more)
Renovation

Structural Residential

Single unit dwelling
Multi unit dwelling (4 stories or less)

Restoration

Artistic (all entries eligible for this award)

Presidential (all entries eligible for this award)