

# RCIWCC TELEGRAM

Fall-Winter 2017 Edition

WELCOME RCI-WCC'RS to FALL/Winter 2017!

## FROM THE ALMANAC



Winter will be slightly warmer than normal, with below-normal precipitation and snowfall. The coldest periods will be in early and late December, early and late January, and mid-February, with the snowiest periods in early and late December. April and May will have above-normal temperatures, with near- to below-normal precipitation.

## RCIWCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - TRADE SHOW & SEMINAR - JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> 2018

Make sure to sign up for our RCIWCC Annual General Meeting, Trade Show, & Seminar which will take place Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 at the Italian Cultural Center. We have room for sponsors at the trade show and always have an excellent turnout of delegates so reserve your spots early!

[Register Here](#)

### Speakers and topics for the event include:

#### **Fire Rating on the Roof**

Teddy Lai, Architect AIBC, MRAIC, CP

#### **NAFS and Specifying Vinyl Windows for the Step Code**

Anton Van Dyk, Dipl.T., LEED AP

#### **Things I've Learnt From Your Data**

Jason Teetaert, P.Eng

#### **The Impact of Material Dimensional Stability on Conventional Roof Performance**

Lorne Ricketts MASC, P.Eng. Associate/ Blair Bennett, Director of Sales-Western Canada

#### **The British Columbia Step Code What It Is And How It Will Affect Us**

Chris Higgins, CPHC, LEED AP Homes, Green Building Planner, City of Vancouver

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER?

The BC government in 2016 announced changes to the BC Society Act that will take effect in November of 2018. These changes require that the Western Canada Chapter make changes to our bylaws to come into line with the new Society Act. Some of these changes are mostly administrative in nature, affecting things such as our legal name, accounting language, as well as records management. We are also required to make a few changes to the language with respect to board composition and the powers of committees.

Whenever we make changes to our bylaws we are obligated to consult with RCI Corporate to ensure we are in line with their model chapter bylaws. Through this process we have found that we are one of the only chapters that still does not allow industry members to serve on the executive committee (Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President). The requirement still stands in the RCI Western Canada Chapter that the majority of the overall board must still be a Consultant Member (formerly a professional member). So as a board we saw both sides of the argument regarding this issue and decided that at the 2018 Spring Conference we would hold a vote with regard to these changes.

Previously RCI corporate did not allow Industry members to sit on the executive committee of local chapters to prevent a circumstance where a manufacturer or contractor could potentially dictate their agenda(s) onto the consultant members or community at large. However in reality the executive doesn't make any significant decisions on it's own, the board as a whole makes all of the financial, education, and advocacy decisions. Given that, RCI Corporate changed their position on this over a decade ago and allowed Industry members to now sit on the executive committees of chapters. RCI WCC never adopted those changes and elected to continue on as a status quo approach, and are one of only two chapters to still have this by-law on the books.

Industry members provide RCI WCC with a wealth of resources and are incredibly active on the board, they take on additional tasks with respect to board duties and offer valuable advice and experience, allowing the chapter to function and continue to serve you effectively. Maintaining the by-law prescribed ratios on the board between Consultant and Industry members has become a challenge over the years due to a lack of volunteers for the positions.

Allowing Industry members to serve on the executive is a way of ensuring the board continues to function effectively and can continue to provide the excellent educational, and social events hosted for the membership throughout the year.

If we were to allow for Industry members to sit on the executive, we will still require that the board composition include at minimum a majority to be a consultant member.

If you have any questions that you would like to ask before the vote at the 2018 Spring Conference, please let us know and we can provide answers in advance of the meeting.

### **RCIWCC OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION AWARD**

In acknowledging our 19<sup>th</sup> year since inception, the 2017 RCI Western Canada Board of Directors are requesting nominations for the Chapter's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual "Outstanding Contribution Award".

This prestigious award will be chosen from past and present members and non-members of the RCI Western Canada Chapter, who have generously given their time and efforts to promote the ideals of RCI and who have worked diligently to ensure the overwhelming success of the Chapter.

**Please submit the name of your Nominee at:**

<http://www.rciwesterncanada.org/news/foundations/outstanding-contribution-award-submission/>

### **THANKS FOR ATTENDING THE RCI-WCC 19<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT Held August 11<sup>th</sup>**



Thanks to everyone who attended our 19<sup>th</sup> annual RCI-WCC Golf Tournament (Yes it's been that long since you've enjoyed a newsletter!). It was another successful event raising essential funds for the chapter. A special thanks to all of our sponsors for the event as it would not be possible without their support!

### **RECENT SEMINARS**

Thanks to everybody who attended our recent Waterproofing 2-Day Course held November 2&3. Instructed by Jerry Abendroth, RRC, RWC, REWC, RBEC, RRO, CDT, & Our own Burt Carver, RRC, RRO. We had a full house for the seminar and it the two days were packed with valuable content and provided 16 CEH's to participants. Thanks to all who attended!



### **RCI Western Canada Chapter Top Apprentice Award Architectural Sheet Metal**

Congratulation to Josh Fehr (left) of Raven Roofing for winning the RCI Western Canada Chapter's Top Apprentice Award for the first Architectural Sheet Metal class of 2017-2018.



**“The Mission of RCI is to ensure the credibility of the Roofing, Waterproofing, and Building envelope consulting professions.”**