

# Apprenticeship *in Action!*



## BOARD CHAIR ELECTED

I am honoured to have been elected as the new Chair of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) Board, effective January 28, 2009. I feel my previous six years of service on the Commission Board has prepared me to lead the Board during these very exciting and unusual times. It also pleases me to welcome my esteemed colleague, Doug Christie, as the new Vice-Chair of the Commission. The owner of Christie Mechanical Ltd., Doug is also no stranger to the Commission. He has served on the Board for four years as an employer representative for the construction sector. Doug also looks forward to his new role.

On behalf of the Commission Board, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Past Chair, Paul McLellan, for ably leading the Commission Board over the last eight years. Paul has been actively involved in apprenticeship, his industry and the community for most of his adult life and moves on from the SATCC with many outstanding achievements, noted later in this newsletter. We all wish him well as he moves on to other challenges.

As the Commission Board looks to the future, there continues to be lots

of energy and dynamic opportunities ahead. Month after month the SATCC continues to register record numbers of apprentices. To date, there are almost 8,900 registered apprentices compared to just over 5,400 on June 30, 2005. The Commission will face challenges in continuing to meet Saskatchewan industry's technical training needs and ensuring that staff are able to provide the necessary support for apprentices and employers.

These are exciting times for Saskatchewan apprenticeship and trade certification. I look forward to working with all of our industry partners over the coming years to seize the opportunities of a vibrant Saskatchewan economy.

**Garry Kot, Board Chair**

## CEO MESSAGE



What an exciting time to be involved in the skilled trades in Saskatchewan! 2009 marks a year of milestones and celebrations for apprenticeship training and trade certification. For the past 65 years, apprenticeship and trade certification has focused on excellence and will continue to build on that excellence to make a responsive, accountable training and certification system and it all began August 1, 1944.

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The second noteworthy event is the 10th anniversary of the Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) which was created October 1, 1999 and has been operating effectively and very successfully as an industry-led agency. The third significant event this year is the observance of the 50th anniversary of the first Red Seal issued in Canada. The Commission will celebrate these anniversaries at various venues throughout 2009, including the presentation of a new look to our promotional materials, an anniversary logo and publication of a special edition newsletter this fall.

Saskatchewan can be very proud of its achievements in apprenticeship and trade certification.

The Commission began 2009 with a dynamic strategic planning session. Input was received from Commission Board and Trade Board members, industry participants and Commission

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## **SYA SCHOLARSHIP COMING!**

The SATCC, with its partners in industry, is initiating an endowed apprentice scholarship program for Saskatchewan youth. The program will profile skilled trades as first choice careers to high school students. It will encourage students to participate in the Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Program and to pursue apprenticeship or other post-secondary training in a designated apprenticeship trade after high school graduation.

It is intended that the scholarship endowment will be jointly funded by the private sector and other partners. The SATCC will serve as the trustee and administrator for the endowment fund. The endowment will be used to fund \$1,000 awards to deserving high school graduates who complete the SYA Program. There will be 40 scholarships granted in 2009 and the number of annual scholarships will vary based on the contributions received.

**For information about how to become a sponsor, call Lillie Wong at 306-787-3965.**



Jaime Hayes, a Boom Truck Operator "B" from Lloydminster, won the 2008 McElree-Davis Scholarship dedicated to a female with the highest mark in a non-traditional trade.

## **PAST CHAIR RECEIVES THE ARTISAN AWARD**



The Past SATCC CEO, Bob Guthrie, paid tribute to the Past Commission Board Chair, Paul McLellan, and presented him with the 2008 Artisan Award.

At the 2008 Apprenticeship Awards, the outgoing Commission Board Chair, Paul McLellan, was presented with the prestigious Artisan Award for his outstanding contributions to the apprenticeship program in Saskatchewan.

Paul is a Journeyperson Electrician who owns and operates two electrical companies - Alliance Energy and Sun Electric. Paul has distinguished himself by:

- serving on the Provincial Apprenticeship Board;
- sitting as a SIAST Board member representing apprenticeship;
- leading the apprenticeship renewal process and the birth of SATCC;
- sitting as SATCC Board Chair for the last eight years;
- serving as a Board member and Chair of the Regina Construction Association, the Saskatchewan Construction Association and the Canadian Construction Association;
- completing his Master of Business Administration Degree at the University of Regina; and
- serving on the Board of the Globe Theatre and the Board of the University of Regina Alumni Association, as well as serving as the President of the Wascana Country Club.

Paul has not only been generous

with his time, but has also sponsored a scholarship at the university and contributed to the SATCC Directors' scholarship.

Paul left his position as Commission Board Chair on January 28, 2009.

## **SYA GAINING MOMENTUM**

It is timely that during a year of anniversaries and continued unprecedented growth, that the SATCC, with its partners in industry, will focus on the youth of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Youth Apprenticeship (SYA) Program is wildly successful and has attracted 200 participating high schools from all areas of the province and 4,022 students who are currently registered in the Program. In addition, 1,046 students have graduated from the program and 106 of those high school graduates have established themselves in rewarding skilled trades careers by registering in the regular apprenticeship program.

The Program profiles skilled trades as first choice careers and encourages students to complete high school and explore career options in the skilled trades.

Discussions with Saskatchewan industry and the SATCC include topics on how to enhance the SYA Program and provide incentives to graduating youth apprentices.

## TWO ESTHETICIAN TRADES DESIGNATED

Saskatchewan residents have two additional designated trades careers to choose from - Esthetician-Nail Technician and Esthetician-Skin Care Technician.

"The spa industry has grown significantly in the last few years," Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission (SATCC) Board Chair Garry Kot said. "These new designations are driven by industry's needs to ensure consumers have the opportunity to choose services from competent, certified journeypersons with current, relevant skills that meet industry standards."

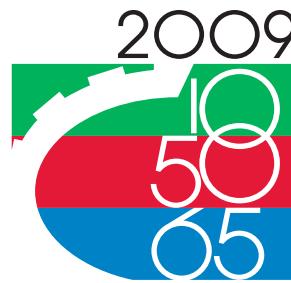
Tradespersons who want to obtain their provincial journeyperson certification must demonstrate three years (5,400 hours) of trade time experience and provide proof of acceptable training. The fee is \$250 to challenge the written and practical examinations.

Apprenticeship training in each trade takes two years (3,600 hours). In addition to experience acquired on-the-job while working under the supervision of a certified journeyperson, apprentices must provide proof of completion of acceptable technical training. This training may be taken before commencing work in the trade or after registering as an apprentice.

More information is available through the SATCC by calling 1-877-363-0536.

## SASKATCHEWAN SKILLS COMPETITION

The SATCC provided financial and in-kind support to the Skills Canada-Saskatchewan competition held in Regina April 2-4/09. The provincial and national competitions do much to promote great opportunities, respect and well-paying careers in the skilled trades. The SATCC is represented on the Board of Skills Canada-Saskatchewan. Visit <http://www.skillscanadasask.com> for more information.



YEARS AS AN INDUSTRY LED COMMISSION

YEARS IN THE RED SEAL PROGRAM

YEARS OF APPRENTICESHIP IN SASKATCHEWAN

## WORLDSKILLS INT'L, CALGARY - SEPT. 1-7/09

Over its 55 year history, WorldSkills International (formerly known as the "Skill Olympics") has come to symbolise the pinnacle of excellence in vocational training.

Every two years, hundreds of young skilled people, accompanied by their teachers and trainers, gather together from around the world to compete before the public in the skills of their various trades and test themselves against demanding international standards. They represent the best of their peers drawn from regional and national skill competitions currently held in 50 countries/regions. For more information, visit <http://www.worldskills.org/>.

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## ONLINE CARPENTER UPGRADING

The SATCC and SIAST have developed an Online Carpenter Upgrading program. Eligible candidates now have the option to participate in the new online training or attend the standard seven week in-class upgrading program. Both courses fulfill the requirement for mandatory upgrading in order to be eligible to attempt the Carpenter Interprovincial certification examination.

This online program uses continuous intake so candidates may apply to begin at any time. Candidates will have six months to complete this program, followed closely by their attempt to write the Interprovincial examination.

For more information, or to determine your eligibility to participate, contact your local apprenticeship field consultant.

## Skilled Trades. Good pay. Respect.

"Carpentry gave me the chance to get paid for doing something I love. It is very rewarding to take plain material and shape it into something beautiful. There is endless work for carpenters that take pride in their craft."

Scott Sims  
Outstanding New Journeyperson, 2008 Carpenter



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Canadian Council of Directors of Apprenticeship National Convention, Saskatoon - May 20-22/09
- WorldSkills International, Calgary - September 1-7/09



Jaime Hayes, Boom Truck Operator "B", from Lloydminster.

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staff. The purpose was to renew the three to five year strategic plan and be well placed to address increased technical training demand and identify service improvements that focus on inclusiveness and responsiveness. The plan, when finalized, will be available on our website and I invite any and all comments that will make the SATCC stronger.

Growth in the apprenticeship training system continues to increase each and every month, year over year. Just short of 9,000 apprentices are currently registered in the system. This number is significantly higher than the 5,400

apprentices who were registered in 2005. In the same time frame, over 4,000 apprentices have completed their training and certification requirements and received their Journeyperson Certificates of Qualification. It is very encouraging to see such tremendous interest in apprenticeship and trade certification during this anniversary year. The Commission is very fortunate to have some great partners in apprenticeship and trade certification, including the Government of Saskatchewan, the employers and employees that comprise Saskatchewan industry, the high quality and innovative training providers that deliver the apprenticeship technical training, and the various and numerous associations and organizations that support the effective operation of the SATCC.

Saskatchewan is an exciting place to be and it is a great time to be involved in the skilled trades. As the SATCC enters its 11th year of serving Saskatchewan industry, I am very optimistic that the SATCC can work with its industry, government, education and training partners to develop and train the skilled trades workforce that Saskatchewan depends on for its continued economic prosperity. We all need to work together to achieve creative solutions – it's the Saskatchewan way.

The future is bright and I look forward to a productive anniversary year with industry partners and Commission staff. We have many, many successes to celebrate in Saskatchewan.

**Joe Black, CEO**

## TRADE CHANGES

### Trades Renamed:

As of January 15, 2009, the names of two Saskatchewan trades changed. Power Lineperson was changed to Powerline Technician and Industrial Instrument Mechanic was changed to Industrial Instrument Technician to correspond to the Red Seal trade names.

### Trades De-designated:

As of January 15, 2009, the following trades were de-designated in Saskatchewan:

- Concrete Finisher;
- Custom Harvester;
- Electronics Technician (CP); and
- Floorcovering Installer.

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