



SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

July 2016

**CEFPI
is now
ASSOCIATION FOR
LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS!**

The Association's new name reflects both the expertise of our members and our determination to transform 21st century Learning Environments.

HELLO
my name is

Greetings Saskatchewan Members,

It has been another exciting year in Saskatchewan – with much more to look forward too! Following are some highlights for me, and hopefully for you as well:

- The 2016 Chapter Conference in Swift Current was a success! Thanks to Dan Olmstead and the Planning Committee for a job well done – great venue, interesting sessions, fantastic tours, enjoyable entertainment and wonderful hospitality, from Swift Current.
- The recent PNW Conference in Girdwood Alaska on June 22-25, 2016 delivered on a promise to be an excellent event - with great topics and speakers – ‘The Sun Never Sets on Learning’ is a fitting theme as summer solstice will bring full time to Alaska during the conference! Bob Pearlman is a strategy consultant for school and district development, a Senior Education Consultant for Fielding Nair International, and Senior Education Consultant to the UNITE-LA. Steve Collis is Director of Innovation at Sydney Centre for Innovation in Learning (SCIL), an innovation incubator embedded in the heart of a school in Sydney. In addition to these motivating leaders, the program was filled with topics that respond to critical school planning and design issues of the Pacific Northwest region.
- The 2017 Saskatchewan Chapter Conference location has been decided – Lloydminster has agreed to host us for our annual event. Look for more details about this Conference in the Fall – Lloydminster has not hosted since 2002 and we look forward to seeing their facilities and spending time in their border city. We are still trying to nail down the final dates; we will send out an announcement once it has been finalized.
- Last year we offered a Saskatchewan Chapter Fall Tour Event. We are hoping to offer another opportunity for our members to tour facilities within Saskatoon and possibly one around Regina. Watch for information coming out in September 2016.
- The Saskatchewan Chapter currently has an impressive 103 members. We continue to have strong local support and involvement and we hope that this is a reflection that you, the members, find us to be a viable organization, with a great executive team, and an ongoing focus on delivering enhanced student learning environments. We should all be proud to be a part of improving learning environments.

Kristin Hetterly
Saskatchewan Chapter President



Last fall we had a great turn out for our first school



Congratulations to Daisy Yee!

Gerry McCudden Memorial Scholarship Award Winner!

Gerry McCudden Memorial Scholarship

tour event at Emerald Ridge Elementary School in White City, just outside of Regina. Prairie Valley School Division and Stantec put together a great presentation on the challenges and success' that they realized throughout the building process. The Principal of the school was gracious enough to stay late and give us a tour of the building, which was nice because we don't always get the end users viewpoint in large projects.

This year Saskatoon has some exciting ideas for a fall tour. Stay tuned for more information on a Fall School tour event that will be taking place in late September – early October.

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The A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter Gerry McCudden Memorial Scholarship is a competitive, merit-based scholarship program designed for graduating grade twelve students who desire financial support for their pursuit of post-secondary educational opportunities. The Scholarship amount is allocated on a yearly basis to Saskatchewan School Divisions which currently have a member in A4LE.

Thank you to all of the students who applied for the Gerry McCudden Scholarship. A \$2000 award will be issued to deserving students enrolled in a post-secondary institution for the 2015-16 term.

The application required the students to write an essay, based on the following premise: "There has been increasing evidence that the design and condition of an educational facility has a significant impact on the quality of education and a student's ability to learn. In 500 words or less, please describe how your high school facility has contributed to the quality of your education. Also, please describe the changes to your high school facility that you would propose, which you feel once implemented, would improve the quality of education."

We had some excellent submissions this year that revealed some consistent themes regarding how the built environment affected the student's ability to learn. Positive elements included lots of natural light, good air flow, and access to technology. Students enjoy colourful, engaging environments that stimulate the senses. Educational facilities varied widely in this sample. Access to facilities for sports and the arts were highlighted, along with access to dedicated learning spaces, away from the general noise of the school population. Sadly, poor building infrastructure was mentioned often as well. Facility disrepair, inconsistent heating, leaking roofs, little natural light and lack of visual interest were touted as detrimental to learning.

This is great food for thought for our members. Clearly, we have made some successful advances but still have room for improvement. We look forward to the submissions for the 2016-17 school year and encourage our members to make their students aware of this terrific opportunity.

For more information, please contact Heather Morgan (hmorgan@dirtt.net). [Click here](#) link.

A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter Annual Conference and AGM



The CEF... A4LE Saskatchewan Chapter Annual Conference and AGM were held January 27-29, 2016 in a City that had never hosted the Annual conference and general meeting, Swift Current. For those of you that missed it at the International Conference in San Diego, our entire organization has undergone a re-branding. We are no longer known as The Council of Educational Facility Planners and are now known as The Association For Learning Environments or more commonly put, A4LE.

For those of you who could not make it to the Annual Saskatchewan Chapter Conference, as usual it was a great few days full of School tours, very informative general and breakout sessions, a delicious meal followed by entertainment at the Banquet Held on Thursday Night. We wrapped things up on Friday with our AGM that was attended by more people this year than ever followed by the closing session provided by the Ministry of Education where they discussed some of the finer details of what they do to help provide for our Provinces growing Education sector.

This year we had a very strong turnout of 105 delegates, considering we were in the Southwest Corner of the Province which makes for a very long drive for some of the dedicated members of our Association.

Wednesday afternoon started with School tours of the newly built joint use school, completed in 2014. Chinook and Holy Trinity School divisions each had a different take on a 21st Century learning environment for elementary students which was made possible through 2 separate design firms, Stantec and AODBT. The joint use school along with the new hospital nearby are only the beginning to a much larger plan that Swift current is seeing come together that will eventually include a library and art gallery, a long-term care facility, and an aquatics centre that are all within walking distance to one another.

AODBT Architecture Interior Design

Derek Kindrachuk

Kindrachuk Agrey Architecture

Sarah Turnbull, ALEP, NCIDQ, LEED AP

Sarah Turnbull Interior Design

Kelly R. Nadler

KRN Tolentino Architecture

Jeff Howlett

Stantec Architecture Ltd



The Second stop on the tours was to Chinook School Divisions Bus garage and Facilities department offices where we toured the state of the art facility that was built in 2012.

Our last stop was to a very unique project, The Mavericks School. The building was still under construction while taking the tour and typically most people wouldn't be very interested in seeing an unfinished building but due to the demographic of our association I believe everyone enjoyed being able to see a renovation and addition project such as this in the various states that the building was in. Everyone knows how difficult it is to renovate an old building with limited options for altering an old block building. Pattison MGM and Chinook did a great job of utilizing the existing old school for the larger group learning spaces while utilizing the new addition for the student centered, break-out learning areas.



The remaining days of the conference were spent between the Living Sky Casino Convention Center and the two neighbouring Hotels, where the break-out sessions were being held. As always the sessions provided great information and plenty of time for open discussion on the varying topics. Due to space requirements, this year the tradeshow was set up in the same room we had for the general sessions. Although it took away from some of the time that delegates typically had to talk to the vendors I believe it was a big success that allowed the tradeshow sponsors and vendors to participate in the general sessions and get a little more insight into what our conference is all about.



SAVE THE DATE!

**2017 Pacific
Northwest Regional
Conference**

GET INVOLVED

SASKATCHEWAN CHAPTER

Are you interested in planning our events, and finding new and exciting ways for us to network?

Do you have a desire to work with people from all across the spectrum of educational facility planning here in Saskatchewan?



**Regional Director-
Donna Robinson**

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May 17-19, 2017

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Banff, Alberta

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Please consider joining our Saskatchewan Chapter! We are looking for members to be a part of our team

If you would like more information on this exciting opportunity, please contact any chapter officer.

PRIVATE FIRM DUES STRUCTURE

Firms may choose to join utilizing a tiered system corresponding to the number of members they wish to include. Furthermore, the greater the number of members, the greater the discounted rate of membership. It is important to note that the firm itself is not the member; rather the individuals named are members for a one-year period.

of Members within Group Dues Amount

Individual \$265
3 \$750
4-6 \$1150
7-10 \$1750
11-15 \$2350
16-20 \$2950
21-30 \$3850

SCHOOL DISTRICT/PUBLIC AUTHORITY DUES STRUCTURE

School District/Public Authority membership applies to all PK-12 school districts, colleges, universities, departments of education employees, educational service centers and government agency staff.

Individual- \$99

Tier Group 1 \$149 Less than 10,000 students
2 primary, unlimited associate

Tier Group 2 \$300 10,000 – 60,000 students
5 primary, unlimited associate

Tier Group 3 \$900 More than 60,000 students
10 primary, unlimited

effectively, Association staff members have been dedicated to providing support to the leaders and individual members of each region and chapter. Please contact [Donna Robinson](#), Regional Director for regional & chapter events and activities, questions on membership or general activities.

WHY JOIN ?

Would you like to have a greater influence on where we are going as a local chapter?

- Unparalleled networking and establishing professional relationships with colleagues worldwide.
- Share best practices with fellow member – architects, facility planners, school district administrators, state and federal agencies, policy makers, manufacturers and suppliers.
- Participate in a variety of professional development opportunities.
- Make your voice heard through LEconnect, E-Groups and blogs.
- Access our job board, members' directory and other resources vital to your professional growth.
- Present at seminars, conferences and webinars to enhance your business relationships.
- Contribute articles to the Educational Facility Planner (EFP), our flagship publication.
- Maintain real world competencies through accredited programs and international awards as well as the premier certification of the profession, Accredited Learning Environment Planner (ALEP)

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