

# CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' CONFERENCE CALL

Friday, March 20, 2015

3:00 eastern time

ROLL CALL:	Susan Gosney, FDHI	- Program Committee Chair
	Kevin Orde, FDHI	- Program Committee Assistant Chair
	Lawrence Beatty, AHC	- President
	Sean Greenhill	- Western Region Director
	Ryan Coller	- Alberta Rose Chapter President
	Luke Friesen	- Canadian Prairie Chapter President
	Brian Cliff	- Capital City Chapter President
	Scott Kittell, AHC	- Ontario Chapter President
	Debbie Dumaresq, AHC	- Atlantic Provinces Chapter President
	Stu Brodie	- Capital City Chapter Vice President
	Carolyne Vigon	- Executive Director
	David Petrie	- Consultant/Committee Liaison
	Jackie Bisette	- DHI International Membership
Coordinator		
ABSENT:	Christine McCaffrey	- BC Chapter President
	Serge Lalancette, AHC	- Quebec Chapter President
	Kelly Chimilar, AHC	- Saskatchewan Wheatland Chapter President
	Mike Lapetina, AHC	- Eastern Region Director

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## 1. Survey Result Review

- All chapters responded but only 5 completed the entire survey
- It appears chapters could use some help in planning meetings – DHI Canada committed to chapter success and communication; available to assist
- Regional Directors will share news/updates with chapter presidents and will bring chapter concerns back to the Board/DHI Canada
- Volunteer time continues to be a challenge
  - ☛ David Petrie will gather information on “Join Me” – an online meeting tool – and is available to help with SurveyMonkey surveys
  - ☛ DHI Canada conference phone number available for chapter use
  - ☛ DHI Canada credit cards available for online registration

## 2. Program/Education Suggestions

- DHI International will have 4 1-4 hour education modules available by May and 6 by year end for chapter use
- DHI Canada finalizing NFPA80; this will be available in ppt for chapter use
- Paul Baillargeon (DHI International FDAI Expert), Don Lopatka (DHI Canada FDAI Chair) and Lawrence Beatty are also available to give presentations at chapter meetings

## 3. Chapter Reports

- a) Alberta Rose
  - Need executive committee members
  - Sandy Elliott and John Manes will help identify chapter/volunteer needs
  - Recruitment drive will be underway shortly
  - AGM/Election will be held in the Spring, with a planning meeting thereafter
  - Golf Tournament will be held in late September and a year-end meeting will also be scheduled
- b) Atlantic Provinces
  - Full-slate of executive in place
  - By-Laws currently require Executive members to be DHI members; definition of “member” is under review by the chapter and DHI International (David Petrie can be a resource on this)
  - Mini-Convention scheduled for June 26-28 – chapter interested in using DHI Canada credit card processing for this
  - Fall meeting rescheduled until January with presentations on/by:
    - ☂ Provincial Building Code
    - ☂ Engineer/Spec Writer
- c) Canadian Prairie
  - Strong executive in place – meeting in April
  - Last member meeting held over a year ago
  - Scholarship has been set up – trying to find better interest rate for fund
  - Golf Tournament date not yet set
- d) Capital City
  - AGM held end of September – Brian elected President and Stu elected Vice President
  - Last meeting 18 months ago, but held Golf Tournament and AGM
  - Survey will be conducted
  - Golf Tournament scheduled for August 12
  - Chapter made a donation to Canada Night
  - Will try to schedule a Spring planning meeting (Mike Lapetina to participate) and spring business meeting
  - Steering new industry entrants (potential new members) to membership
  - Interested in short education programs from DHI International – chapter to contact Jackie Bisette to get this set up
  - Using scholarship money this year to subsidize courses

- e) Ontario
  - Strong executive; looking for a Vice President
  - AGM will feature presentation by Paul Baillargeon; OBC now required NFPA80 adherence

- Participating in CANASA Expo in October
- Have 3 events listed on DHI Canada website
- Golf Tournament June 11
- Chapter uses DHI Canada conference phone number for executive meetings
- Chapter uses DHI Canada credit cards for online registration

f) Saskatchewan Wheatland

- Full executive in place
- Don Lopatka presenting at next member meeting
- Golf Tournament date not yet set

#### **4. DHI Canada Update**

- Outreach to chapters to support Canada Night for the first time; sponsorship coming in slowly and the event is totally dependent on this support
- Spring school coming along well – registration is about half of budget so far, and 2 months to go
  - Quebec chapter to hold meeting during school
  - EHC410 planned for this school
- Partnership with the Canadian Professional Sales Association has resulted in 40 DHI Canada members joining this group; excellent savings on travel costs
- Professional Selling course offered at Calgary school; will continue to include professional development courses (e.g. negotiating, customer service or communications) in tech school curriculum
- FDAI blog has been developed and ready to launch
- Membership has decreased for the first time in 13 years
- DHI Canada Board meeting May 23 – chapter reps welcome to attend (we cover meals/breaks; chapter covers airfare and accommodation)

#### **5. Next Conference Call/Webinar**

- Look at fall for this – will propose dates and send out to chapters