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### SICAN SPRING BOARD MEETING

SICAN Board meeting at the  
Hilton Hotel, Los Cabos,  
Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007  
from 13:00 – 17:30.

### SICAN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

SICAN General Assembly at  
the Hilton Hotel, Los Cabos,  
Saturday, June 9, 2007 from  
09:30 to 12:00



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Skålleagues,

William Rheume

It's only the end of March but it has been a busy few months, starting with my induction as President by John Britton at the Canadian Rockies Club annual Christmas Gala in December at the Fairmont Banff Springs to preparing for our Spring Board Meeting in Los Cabos.

I had the pleasure of attending Skål Calgary's passing of the chain of office dinner in December, saying thanks to the club's Past-President, my brother Marc and welcoming the incoming President, Catherine Heeg. My second official function was in January, to perform the induction of Ossi Treutler Jr., the new president of the Canadian Rockies Club. My travel plans for the coming year include visits to Quebec City in May, Halifax in September and Vancouver in October.

The NAASC Board, on which I sit as the SICAN representative, has also been busy with monthly Board conference calls to review the 2006 Congress on going audit, the re-structuring of the NAASC positions and the preparations for the Los Cabos Congress.

As we move through the Skål year, I would like to remind everyone how important our focus is on membership development. SICAN, like other national committees, has been challenged with clubs folding resulting in loss of membership. Jona Way, our Vice-President responsible for membership development, has some exciting initiatives planned to assist us in this regard.

I would also like to pass along the theme for the 2007 year ~ 'Bring back the fun in Skål'.

Think back to why you joined Skål, what was it about the organization and your club that appealed to you. We may all have different reasons why, so generating membership growth may also be different for each club. One of the common threads is having fun promoting professionalism in our industry. Don't lose sight of that fact as the many aspects of business manifest themselves in our clubs.

I look forward to seeing you soon. Bill

## YOUR 2007 SICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Vice President Central	Norman Bevilacqua	Thunder Bay	<a href="mailto:norlor@tbaytel.net">norlor@tbaytel.net</a>
Vice-President West	Jona Way	Calgary	<a href="mailto:jona.way@sait.ca">jona.way@sait.ca</a>
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## SICAN BOARD MEMBERS SERVING YOU

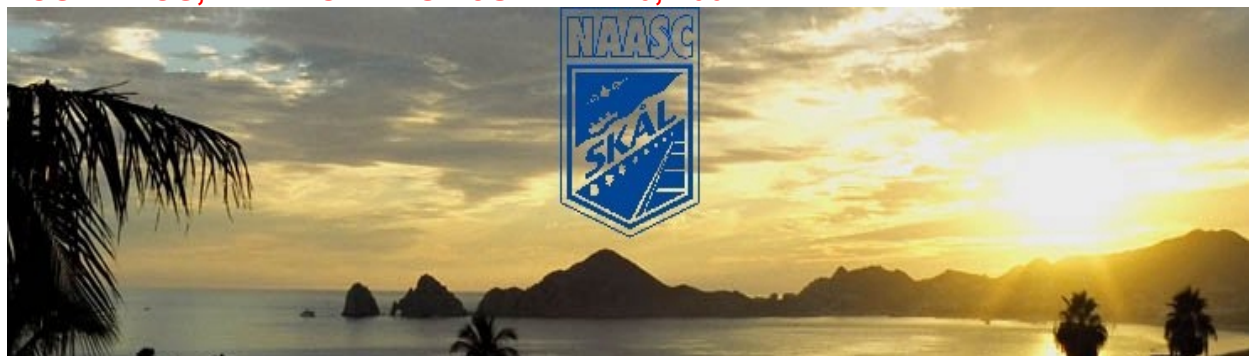
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## 2007 NAASC CONGRESS

<http://www.naasc.com/loscabos.html>

Don't miss out on a wonderful SKÅL experience – represent your Club and Canada by registering for the Congress and experience the wonders of Los Cabos.

## LOS CABOS, MEXICO NAASC JUNE 7 – 10, 2007



### CONGRESS COST:

**Venue: Hilton Los Cabos Beach and Golf Resort**

Twin/Double:	USD1400.00 per couple (Discounted Rate)
Single:	USD900.00 per person (Discounted Rate)
Extra Night: (Rate only available for 3 nights pre and post Congress)	USD185.00 per room

## 68TH SKÅL WORLD CONGRESS

The 68th World Congress will be held in Belek, Antalya from 4 to 9 November 2007. Details of the Congress are on the Skål International website [www.skal.org](http://www.skal.org) go to Congresses. The final inspection visit for the congress will take place from 12 to 15 March 2007. One of the highlights of the congress will be a “Talent Night” where Skål members will be asked to display some of their hidden talents. President Litsa Papathanassi has an idea to create and exhibition of paintings or other form of visual art by Skålleagues which could be auctioned in aid of the Florimond Volckaert Fund. More information will follow shortly in a special congress Newsletter.



## 2007 SKÅL INTERNATIONAL ECOTOURISM AWARDS

Skål International is inviting Companies from the public and private sector as well as NGOs to submit entries for the 6th Ecotourism Awards Programme.

2007 Awards, sponsored by Evian Waters and Iznik Foundation, will be presented in Antalya, Turkey on 05 November 2007 during the Opening Ceremony of the 68th Skål World Congress by the President of Skål International Litsa Papathanassi.



Vice President, Hulya Aslantas is requesting all local Skål Officers to help to have the information circulated to their respective local media channels and to help find entries from their regions.

If there are exceptional tour operators in your area, be sure to nominate them. Canada has bragging rights to some of the most fantastic facilities and experiences in the world. Make sure our operators are recognized internationally!

## Building Skål Friendship between Clubs

Your membership in Skål makes you a welcome guest at any Skål meeting around the world. The following table is a list of the Canadian Skål Clubs, their Presidents and the monthly meeting schedule.

If you are in the area, consider a visit to a local Club and meet your fellow Skålleagues! Just email the club president to find out the time and place and you can you assured of receiving a warm Skål welcome!

## Canadian Skål Club Contacts and Meeting Dates

Club	President	email	Monthly Meeting Schedule
Calgary	Catherine Heeg	<a href="mailto:catherine.heeg@cmsspeaking.com">catherine.heeg@cmsspeaking.com</a>	Third Wednesday
Canadian Rockies	Ossi P. Treutler Jr.	<a href="mailto:ossi@freas.ca">ossi@freas.ca</a>	Second Wednesday
Edmonton	Andrew Hopkyns	<a href="mailto:Andrew.hopkyns@ama.ab.ca">Andrew.hopkyns@ama.ab.ca</a>	Second Wednesday
Halifax	Anne Freiss	<a href="mailto:a.freiss@canadvac.com">a.freiss@canadvac.com</a>	Third Tuesday
Hamilton	Randy Raphael	<a href="mailto:randyr@visioin2000.ca">randyr@visioin2000.ca</a>	Second Tuesday
London	Bob Usher	<a href="mailto:bobusher@conventmarket.com">bobusher@conventmarket.com</a>	Second Tuesday
Montreal	Eric Douay	<a href="mailto:ericdouay@hotmail.com">ericdouay@hotmail.com</a>	Second Tuesday
Ottawa	Rafael Ballester	<a href="mailto:ballester_rafael@accor-hotels.com">ballester_rafael@accor-hotels.com</a>	Third Tuesday
Quebec City	George Saint-Cyr	<a href="mailto:gst-cyr@toursvieuxquebec.com">gst-cyr@toursvieuxquebec.com</a>	Third Tuesday
St. John's	Stephen Outerbridge	<a href="mailto:souter@harveystravel-cwt.com">souter@harveystravel-cwt.com</a>	Last Tuesday
Saskatoon	Mark Regier	<a href="mailto:mregier@saskatoonex.com">mregier@saskatoonex.com</a>	Third Tuesday
Thunder Bay	Roberta Swaychyn	<a href="mailto:rsawchyn@nwresort.com">rsawchyn@nwresort.com</a>	Last Monday
Toronto	Doug Patterson	<a href="mailto:doug@insightvacations.ca">doug@insightvacations.ca</a>	Fourth Tuesday
Toronto North	Josef Ebnjer	<a href="mailto:Josef-ebner@deltachelsea.com">Josef-ebner@deltachelsea.com</a>	Second Wednesday
Vancouver	Mike Hagan	<a href="mailto:hagan@dccnet.com">hagan@dccnet.com</a>	Fourth Wednesday
Victoria	David Spaven	<a href="mailto:dave@vision2000bc.com">dave@vision2000bc.com</a>	Fourth Wednesday
Winnipeg	Ron Pradinuk	<a href="mailto:ronp@journeyssupercentre.com">ronp@journeyssupercentre.com</a>	Fourth Tuesday

## Local Club News

This column will be dedicated to what's happening locally in Skål across Canada. Be sure to send your local club news on interesting initiatives, events and projects to Loretta Clarke ([skalwinnipeg@mts.net](mailto:skalwinnipeg@mts.net)) by April 30<sup>th</sup> for our next newsletter.

*Doing Business among friends*



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