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John Duggan 2009 SICAN President

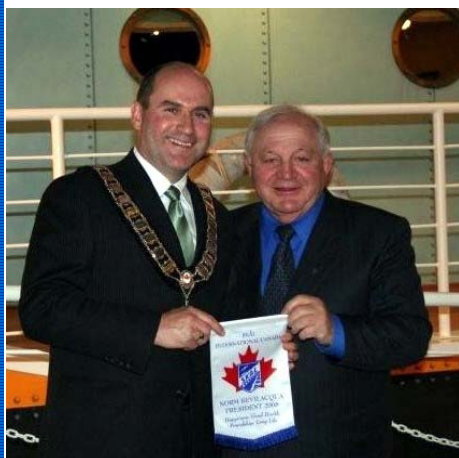


Photo: John Duggan (L) is inducted as 2009 SICAN President by Past President, Norm Bevilacqua

The Inauguration of 2009 SICAN President, John Duggan was hosted by the Skål International Halifax Club on January 20, 2009. The historic venue, Pier 21 Canada's Immigration Museum, <https://www.pier21.ca/> includes the broader story of nation building, and was a fitting setting for this event as SICAN reaches across Canada doing business amongst friends.

President Duggan, in his address stressed the **"Power of Skål"** provides its members with a number of benefits, including the comfort and support of a like-minded community who are Skålleagues in business and friendship. It also provides a unique forum for all of the travel and tourism industry, allowing members to speak with a strong, singular voice as we tackle the challenges of today's tough times. John has named priorities in communication, membership retention and development, support for sustainable tourism, improved standards and quality, business ethics and business-to-business opportunities. For the full text read the 2009 President's Message at www.sicanada.org.

Out-of-town guests included Past President Norm Bevilacqua and his wife, Lorraine from Thunder Bay, Jean Francois Cote, President SI Quebec City and Brian Aubé, VP Eastern Region, SICAN 2009.

John's involvement with and commitment to Skål has been long-term. Besides his involvement with the Halifax Club, he has worked diligently on the SICAN Board as VP of the Eastern Region, with the St. John's, Newfoundland Skål Club and also he has been instrumental in working on the formation of a Skål Club in New Brunswick.

Working together, SICAN and its members can build stronger tourism awareness across Canada.

- Ottawa
- Quebec City
- St. John's
- Saskatoon
- Thunder Bay
- Toronto
- Toronto North
- Vancouver
- Victoria
- Winnipeg

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Vice-President Western
Region: Jona Way,
Calgary

Vice-President Central
Region: John Scott,
Toronto

PR/Communications:
Norm Bevilacqua,
Thunder Bay

Feb 4th Conference Call across Canada

President John hosted a Conference Call inviting participation from presidents, ESTs and SICAN reps across Canada. The purpose of this conference call is to **improve communications in Clubs across Canada**.

Discussions revolved around:

President John reminded everyone of the Congress dates May 7-10 and urged everyone to complete their registration and make travel plans. Participation in NAASC Congress – how many are attending from each Club. The Sheraton Hotel is the one preferred for SICAN members if you are considering going and have not made your reservations yet.

He asked if there is an interest in exchanging Club minutes between SICAN reps to see what other Clubs are doing on membership development, business and event planning and other priorities at the local Club level.

John would like to know how frequently clubs would like a conference call with each club's SICAN representative or President with the SICAN president.

Identify the major issues that Clubs would like to see addressed in future calls.

Big Wild Skål 2009: ANCHORAGE ALASKA



Join fellow Skålleagues for a northern adventure you won't forget at the **48th Annual NAASC Congress** in Anchorage, Alaska. You'll quickly realize why Alaska's largest city is known for its **BIG WILD LIFE**. Don't plan to catch up on your sleep... the schedule is chock full of activities and you can expect nearly 20 hours of daylight each day of your stay! Anchorage boasts fine dining, upscale shopping and a unique metropolitan culture just a stone's throw away from the vast wilds of Alaska. It's no wonder that Anchorage's lucky residents are among the most active and fun-loving in the nation.

48th Annual NAASC Congress
<http://www.skalanorage.com/>

Thursday, May 07, 2009 8:00 am -
Sunday, May 10, 2009 10:30 am (Eastern Time)
Sheraton Anchorage Hotel
Anchorage, Alaska 99501

SKAL TOAST

To Fellow Skalleagues
Everywhere

Happiness

Good Health

Friendship

Long Life

Skål!

What is SICAN? (Skål International Canada)

SICAN comprises all recognized Skål Clubs in Canada and its relationship with individual Clubs and their membership shall be as detailed in Article III, Section 3 of the Skål International Bylaws. (The bylaws are available for reading on the www.sicanada.org website under Members area.)

There are three (3) Regional VP's of SICAN, one for Membership, one for Administration and one for Finance. These three Regional VP's also supervise Clubs in three regions:

- Western Region, consisting of Vancouver, Victoria, Calgary, Canadian Rockies, Edmonton and Saskatoon;
- Central Region with Winnipeg, Toronto, Toronto North, Hamilton, London and Thunder Bay; and
- Eastern Region with Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec City, Halifax and St. Johns.

Each Club has one elected SICAN representative on the SICAN Board. The SICAN Board meets twice a year:

- In the spring at the NAASC Congress
- In the fall – hosted by one of the Canadian Clubs. The fall host is determined by bids submitted by Clubs that are interested in hosting.

Top Ten Reasons to Join Skål!

1. Meet business executives in the local tourism industry
 2. Network with local, national and international colleagues you meet through Skål
 3. Camaraderie – make new friends instantly at monthly meetings
 4. Superb Food & Wines
 5. Creative Venues – learn more about local and regional attractions & destinations
 6. Attend North American and International Congresses – expend your knowledge about other cultures and discover new business opportunities
 7. Member Benefits – discounts, trips, inter-club travel
 8. Learn from the Best – Top speakers and experts to inspire you locally and internationally
 9. A Port in a Storm – with over 20,000 members internationally you can attend a Skål meeting wherever there is a Club
 10. Tourism Advocacy – From the United Nations to local politics – Skål is there to speak with the voice of the world's largest travel and hospitality industry
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2009 SICAN Executive

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The website is being updated with all the SICAN representatives and Club executives across Canada. www.sicanada.org This information will be available shortly.

Skål International Calgary

Hesse Incoming President of Skål International Calgary

Pam Hesse, General Manager of the Travelodge Calgary Airport, is inducted as President of Skål International Calgary. A member since 2003, Pam succeeds Terry Wallis as President. Pam brings her experience as President of the Calgary Hotel Association and 30 years in the hotel industry with her to this esteemed position.



"Pam brings solid knowledge of Skål and the tourism and hospitality industry with her to this role. During the 2005 NAASC Congress held in Calgary, Pam was an integral part of the entertainment planning", says Catherine Heeg, past President.

The induction took place at the clubs annual Christmas party held this year at the Metropolitan Centre.

Photo Attached: Richard Gotfried places chain of office on incoming President, Pam Hesse.

Skal International Calgary Honours Bob Lees



Skål International Calgary is pleased to honour outgoing Executive Secretary Bob Lees with the distinction of "Honorary President". Jona Way, SICAN Vice-President, presented Bob and his wife Tish with this extraordinary award for their dedication and service over the past 28 years.

The award was made at the clubs' annual Christmas Party held recently at the Metropolitan Centre where Skål member Howard Silver is President. The evening's festivities began with cocktails and a serenade by a vocal quartet followed by dinner and awards. The gourmet evening was capped off with music by a local jazz band.

Skål International Calgary raises funds for Prostrate Cancer

Under the knife! Chris Vachon, Skål International Calgary member and General Manager of the Lakeview Signature Inn Suites Hotel in Calgary, raised over \$1550 for the Prostrate Cancer Foundation's **November** campaign in conjunction with Skål International Calgary. In total he raised over \$13,000.



As part of the campaign Chris grew a moustache for the month of November and collected donations from the Skål Club. The club challenged him to keep the moustache until the December Christmas party where Marc Rheame, General Manager of the Delta Calgary South theatrically shaved Chris' moustache. Knife in hand, Sweeny Todd music playing in the background and barber chair set the scene as Chris was covered in shaving cream and the moustache removed.

Chris Vachon has been a member of Skål International since 1994 and has been in the hospitality industry for 20 years. Chris has been active on the Skål Executive board, the Hotel Association as well as Tourism Calgary.

See Attached Photos: Chris Vachon and Marc Rheame

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2007 President, Skål International Calgary

Skål International Thunder Bay

At the January meeting the 2009 Executive was installed:

President: Paul Pepe
Vice-President: Lori Para
Secretary Treasurer : Lorraine Bevilacqua
PR & Communications : Susan Cameron
Director : Larry Dunwoody
SICAN Rep: Mary Long-Irwin
Auditor: Sherri Locke
Membership Development: Kevin Kalyta

President Paul Anthony Pepe is the Manager of Tourism for the City of Thunder Bay. Paul has an extensive public sector background in tourism including roles as both the Programming and Operations Manager at Fort William Historical Park, and both the regional Tourism Advisor and District Team Manager with the Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines' Regional Economic Development branch.

Skål International St. John's Newfoundland

It was great to hear from Elizabeth Adams, the new president of St. John's. Curtis Legrow conducted the Election of Officers and those elected for 2009 are:

President: Elizabeth Adams
Secretary: Frank Stevens
Treasurer: Earl Howell
SICAN Rep: Harold Hefferton

All accepted the positions. Vice President to be filled at Executive Meeting. After a wonderful meal of lamb or fish and dessert with great wine SKAL member Loyola O'Brien entertained in his usual Irish Tradition.

Skål International Montreal



ALL SKÅLLEAGUES ARE INVITED!

SI Montreal is celebrating its 60 years of friendship through Skål on Monday, March 9th, 2009. They are inviting Skålleagues from across Canada to join them at the Marriott Chateau Champlain, 1 Place du Canada – Montreal.

Cocktails and Dinner & entertainment start at 6:00 p.m. Accommodations are available at the Marriott Chateau Champlain at \$99.00 per night. For reservations call Skål Montreal at (514) 878-9000. Cost of the Event: \$100.00 per person. SI Montreal is the oldest Skål Club in Canada. Deadline for Reservations: February 15, 2009. See the full invitation on

www.sicanada.org - Special Events

2009 President: Pierre de Léséleuc

Skål International Winnipeg



Skål International Winnipeg #233 is pleased to announce that Denis Smith has been elected as President of our local club for a two-year term 2009-2010. Denis is the General Manager of the Inn at the Forks. The Inn at the Forks is a distinctively memorable boutique hotel, outfitted with many luxurious amenities for your comfort and enjoyment including the Riverstone Spa. The Inn is committed to environmental stewardship in all of its operations.

2009 Board Members include:

Vice-President, Peggy May

PR & Communications: Laurie Barkman

Treasurer and Sergeant-at-Arms: Dan Gall

Membership: Robert Cole

Programme Directors: Maria Paletta, Melanie Carter

SICAN Rep: Ron Pradinuk

EST: Loretta Clarke

For more information we invite you to visit our website: www.skalwinnipeg.com

Skål International Québec City

Comité exécutif 2009

Conseil d'administration

Jean-François Côté, président

Chantale Cormier, vice-présidente en titre

Jean Pelletier, vice-président, Finances

Brian Aubé, délégué Sican

André Roy, administrateur

Louis-Georges Jalbert, administrateur

Susan Wilkinson, administrateur

Georges Saint-Cyr, directeur, Affaires publiques

Robert Béland, administrateur

Alain Winter, secrétaire et trésorier en titre

Jacques Guay, soutien au secrétaire et trésorier

Responsables de sous-comités

Recrutement : **Brian Aubé** et **Joël Fillion**

Mises en candidature : **Réal Boissonneault**

Encan : **Sarfrido Carraro** et **Jacques Guay**

Vérificateurs externes : **Valérie Côté** et **Pierre Mazières**

Site Internet : **Louis Michaud**

Édition et rédaction d'Info-Skål : **Alain Winter**

Tournoi de golf : **Jean Langlois**

Officiers de bouche et grand échanton : **André Roy** et **Édith Vézina**

Skål International Halifax



SI Halifax went all out hosting the inauguration of one of its own, John Duggan as the 2009 SICAN President. **Photo left:** celebrating are: David Clark, President SI Halifax 2008, Norm Bevilacqua, President of SICAN 2008, Jean Francois Cote, President of SI Quebec City 2009, John Duggan, President SICAN 2009, Dan Duggan, President SI Halifax 2009, and Brian Aubé, VP Eastern Region, SICAN 2009.

2009 Executive and Directors

President: Dan Duggan
VP/SEC: Frank LaLeune
SICAN Rep: Susan Eldridge
Auditor: Paul Emmons

Directors: Brad Burrell, Michael Manuel, Sean Buckland, Duncan MacLean, David Clark

The Meaning of SkÅL

The word Skål comes from Scandinavia and has a long tradition. The "Skål", a bowl with a welcome drink, was offered to visitors when they entered the home. One would say "**Skål**" as a sign of friendship! The letters of the word SKÅL mean:

- **Sundhet (Good Health)**
- **Kärlek (Friendship)**
- **Ålder (Long Life)**
- **Lycka (Happiness)**

"To fellow Skålleagues everywhere - Happiness; Good Health; Friendship; Long Life; SKÅL!"

February Edition

The next edition of SICAN news will be out the last week of February. SICAN News focuses on SICAN information, news and articles of interest.

If your Club has special news releases, creative ideas for events, elections and appointments, community activities or member achievements, please email them to the Editor at loretta@mts.net. Photos are also welcome although there is a limit on how many can be used in each publication. This year we will also include more information on the role of Skål and administration as educational items of interest. If you have questions or information that you would like to see in the newsletter, I would be happy to hear from you.

Loretta Clarke
Editor