

SCSA Update

ANNUAL SAFETY AWARDS

The SCSA acknowledges individuals, companies, and committees throughout the province of Saskatchewan, for their efforts to promote the SCSA, and for their invaluable input toward health and safety in the construction industry. The following awards will be presented at the SCSA AGM February 25, 2016 in Regina (location TBD):

Corporate Leadership in Safety Award:

One company is awarded from each of the (8) SCSA Regional Safety Committees – recognizing dedication, outstanding contribution, commitment and leadership to the enhancement of health and safety in the workplace.

Safety Practitioner Award: One individual is awarded from each of the (8) SCSA Regional Safety Committees – recognizing dedication, outstanding contribution, and commitment to the success of the Regional Safety Committee in their region.

Regional Safety Committee Distinguished Progress Award: One Regional Safety Committee is awarded in the province – recognizing dedication and outstanding contribution to the promotion and improvement of health and safety in the construction industry.

To download the complete application package, visit www.scsaonline.ca. All nomination questionnaires, forms, and letters must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to SCSA Executive Assistant, Ashley Alves at ashleya@scsaonline.ca **on or before December 31, 2015** to qualify.

COMING SOON

The SCSA will be launching its new and improved website this month. The 2016 SCSA desk calendars will also be ready for distribution by December. If you have any questions or requests, please send an email to scsainfo@scsaonline.ca.

CSO TO NCSO

The SCSA is pleased to announce that it will be making changes to our Construction Safety Officer (CSO) process to ensure its compliance with national standards – National Construction Safety Officer (NCSO).

The Canadian Federation of Construction Safety Associations (CFCSA) is currently looking to standardize individual organizations' CSO programs to make them truly reciprocal nationally.

Part of this process is to establish core competencies for a construction safety professional and agreement on an exam that tests for these competencies that will be accepted anywhere in Canada. Additional alignment will include adoption of a standardized title – NCSO – as well as standardized training requirements and standard national administrative processes in the awarding and ongoing maintenance of NCSO designations.

The goal is to begin the process of a national program by January 1, 2016. As part of this national alignment – the SCSA will need to begin changing and adapting various processes and requirements in order to meet the CSO/NCSO standards.

WCB PRELIMINARY RATES FOR 2016

The changes in rates for Building Construction code members from 2015 to 2016 are as follows:

	2015	2016*	% Change
B-11: Construction Trades	1.63	1.57	-3.70%
B12: Residential Construction	3.09	2.82	-8.70%
B-13: Commercial/Industrial	2.43	2.15	-11.50%

Continuous improvements in safety has a major impact on premiums, both in the short and long term. The SCSA would like to thank and congratulate all of the safety leaders that have made a concerted effort to improve safety in their workplaces and communities, including the SCSA Board of Directors for their leadership, and the SCSA staff, for their efforts to support the goal of reducing costly injuries in our province!

Visit www.wcbask.com for more information on WCB rates.

2016 Regional Safety Committee Meeting Dates

Lakeland	Estevan	Swift Current	Moose Jaw	Regina	Yorkton	Saskatoon	Prince Albert
Jan 12	Jan 12	Jan 13	Jan 15	Jan 14	Jan 21	Jan 21	Jan 14
Mar 8	April 12	April 13	Apr 15	Apr 14	Apr 21	April 21	Apr 14
May 10							
Sep 13	Aug 23	Aug 24	Aug 19	Apr 18	Aug 25	Aug 25	Aug 18
Nov 8	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 19	Nov 17	Nov 24	Nov 24	Nov 17

