

# Message from SCSA President

2018 has been an exciting year of change and recognition for Saskatchewan Construction Safety Association (SCSA) members. In early May, the SCSA was proud to make two announcements. First, in response to member feedback, five additional topics were added to the already popular 'Guide to OHS Legislation' mobile app that was released last September. Second, the SCSA announced a new partnership with White Rabbit VR, a division of Twisted Pair Productions, to develop 360 degree Virtual Reality (VR) experiences for the safety training environment in Saskatchewan.

VR takes the way we teach – in the classroom, on the work site, in demos – to a whole new level. It has great potential benefits for member company employees and future construction workers and our SCSA Board of Directors is excited to bring these tools to the industry.

A key strategic focus of the Board has been modernizing services for members represented in the construction industry. Growth, change, and revitalization of an organization are never easy, but the work and dedication of the SCSA Board, management team, and staff is being noticed. The association was recognized in March with a Regina and District Chamber of Commerce Paragon Award for Marketing and Promotional Excellence and with a Better Business Bureau Torch Award in April for Business Ethics.

We have learned over the years that telling people how to stay safe isn't enough to overhaul a culture that has historically struggled with safety. Anything that is going to affect a change in an organization and a province has to be done at the leadership level. Our new mission, 'Constructing Safety Leadership,' is entirely about supporting business leaders in reaching their safety goals.

We were founded by business leaders who stepped up and voiced the opinion that things had to change – too many people were getting injured and losing their lives at work. The organization today is a legacy of that leadership and the commitment to safety our founding companies embraced. We will continue to set the bar high and drive change as an association and for ethical business leadership in safety.

Stay Safe,

**Collin Pullar, SCSA President**



# Making of SCSA'S Virtual Reality Training Tool

On August 23, 2018, the SCSA and White Rabbit VR – a division of Saskatchewan based media company, Twisted Pair – began the production phase of the highly-anticipated Virtual Reality (VR) construction safety training tool.

SCSA members and students will have the opportunity to be enveloped in a realistic, 360 degree alternate reality for workplace training. This training tool allows users to spot hazards more effectively and in a variety of scenarios that wouldn't be as readily available within the confines of traditional classroom training. "This changes the game for us in so far as building stronger impressions in learning. It gives the user experience in navigating dangerous situations and developing safety management systems in a safe way," explains, Collin Pullar, president of the SCSA.

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"We always remind our clients that VR is not the technology of tomorrow – it's the technology of today. Businesses that have used it have proven VR is effective in cutting costs, improving safety and improving learner retention. We would like to thank SCSA for the opportunity to bring this technology to Saskatchewan," said Mike MacNaughton, president and CEO of Twisted Pair / White Rabbit VR.

Pictured are some of the photos from the 360 degree photoshoot featuring various safety scenarios staged on a real construction site. The photos will later be stitched together, and the interactive elements overlaid, to create the application for the VR tool.

