

## A Word from the Chapter Chair

The Ottawa Chapter is in the process of trying to get back on track, and we are doing this by trying to plan things out a little more in advance. We took the initiative right after we elected our new Chapter Executive in May 2009, with our first task being to pre-plan our whole technical and social program for the year. For the first time in many years we have all of the dates established for our technical, social and educational programs. For the most part, our technical program will take place on the second Tuesday of every month, but check our Calendar of Events just to be sure.

During the summer we held two social events. The first was a "Summer Social and BBQ" which was well attended until we were driven out of the venue by Winnipeg size mosquitoes. The second event was the Chapter's annual golf tournament. This is a tournament that was re-established as a CSC event in 2006. After a slow start, we are gradually building our tournament into a success story and this year the number of attendees more than doubled in size. This jump in attendees was helped along by our friends in the Toronto Chapter who helped us advertise the event through the Toronto Chapter's huge e-mail list.

The Ottawa Chapter has just launched a "Corporate Partnership" initiative similar to that used by the Montréal. For an annual fee, a Corporate Partner gets quite a few benefits including tickets to all of our technical events, the opportunity to have a trade show style booth at two events, their company logo at a hole in our annual golf tournament and other benefits, not the least of which is networking with a captive audience.

As you read this, we are in the midst of delivering the PCD course and expect it to be another big success. We look forward to delivering CCA, CTR and Specifier 1 in the spring of 2010. Our education program in the Ottawa Chapter is strong and getting stronger as we see it as the backbone of the Chapter spawning new members and better educated industry participants.

As we move through our Calendar of Events, we are still looking for volunteers to help us out as we go. We are hoping to develop a succession plan over the coming months to ensure continuity of the Chapter in the coming years since the current Chapter Executive can't go on forever. Regardless of whether you can only want to do a little for one event, want to "shadow" a current volunteer with a view to taking over, or want to take on a specific task, everyone is welcome as a volunteer in the Ottawa Chapter. Ask about our Chapter Officer Position Descriptions.

See you at the next meeting,

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CSC Ottawa Chapter Chair