IHSA’s fourth Annual General Meeting took place on September 18 at IHSA’s main headquarters at the Centre for Health & Safety Innovation in Mississauga (CHSI).

Along with the formal business meeting, the event provided the opportunity to hand over some well-deserved awards to individuals and firms that have made great health and safety strides in the past year. This included ZeroQuest® and President’s Awards, Transportation Achievement Awards, the Gil Samson Award, the Roy A. Phinnemore Award, the Charles A. Tallon Award, and Certificate of Recognition plaques.

Keynote speaker Jackie Manuel, CEO of the Newfoundland and Labrador Construction Safety Association, discussed the development of that province’s fall protection training standard. She noted that before standardization, there had been hundreds of training providers and huge discrepancies between the length of courses, the costs, and the quality of training. She joked that before the standard, even her mother could have been a trainer.

Although there were bumps along the way, there are now 22 public providers and 6 corporate providers that have met the provincial standard for fall protection training. Manuel says the improvements in training are already changing lives. Even at a time of tremendous growth in the construction industry, falls from height are down more than 25 per cent since the standard came into effect. “There are workers in Newfoundland and Labrador who are walking around uninjured because of the standards”, she said.
ZeroQuest® Awards
ZeroQuest® is a program that evaluates a firm’s health and safety management system and encourages continual development and improvement. The program is broken down into a series of levels, including Commitment, Effort, Outcomes, and Sustainability. Firms are recognized as they achieve each level of ZeroQuest®.

Since ZeroQuest® was introduced in 2005, 220 firms have participated. Some of those firms received awards at the AGM.

Commitment Level
• Henkels & McCoy Canada Inc

Outcomes III Level
• Oshawa PUC
• Peterborough Utilities Group

Effort
• Centre for Health and Safety Innovation
• Riggs Distler

Sustainability
• EnWin
• GridLink
• Guelph Hydro Electric System

Outcomes
• Innisfil Hydro
• Wildon Wiring

Outcomes II
• Burlington Hydro
• Greater Sudbury Hydro
• London Hydro
• Orillia Power
• Woodstock Hydro

Transportation Achievement Awards
The Transportation Achievement Awards are given to member firms that have consistently operated with an injury frequency rate and cost-rate factor below their rate group average for three consecutive years. These awards are based on the firm’s record for 2010, 2011, and 2012.

CATEGORY 1
100,000 – 250,000 person hours and 30% below rate group average
• AMJ Campbell Van Lines – Markham
• BFI Canada Inc
• CEVA Logistics Canada, ULC
• Heritage Truck Lines Inc
• J D Smith & Sons Limited
• J F Kitching & Son Limited
• K-DAC Enterprises Inc
• Midland Transport Limited / Midland Courier
• Oxford Milkway Transport Co-Operative
• Thomson Terminals

CATEGORY 2
250,000 – 500,000 person hours and 25% below rate group average
• AMJ Campbell Van Lines Division
• Day & Ross Inc / Sameday Worldwide
• Erb International Inc
• Ryder Truck Rental Canada Ltd
• VersaCold Group Services ULC

CATEGORY 3
500,000 – 1,000,000 person hours and 20% below rate group average
• Contrans Services LP
• Day & Ross
• Greater Toronto Airport Authority
• Kriska Holdings Limited
• Kuehne + Nagel Ltd
• Midland Transport Limited

CATEGORY 4
Over 1,000,000 person hours and 15% below rate group average
• Lafarge Canada Inc
• Sunwing Airlines Inc

Visit ihsa.ca to learn about our Safe Driver and Safe Worker award program.
President’s Awards
The first President’s Award was presented 37 years ago in 1976. Since then, the President’s Award has been considered one of the highest safety achievement awards in the industry. The award represents consecutive years of performance without a lost-time injury and is based on milestones of 250,000 hours. It is open to any firm that is a member of IHSA.

Certificate of Recognition (COR™)
The COR™ program has continued to gain momentum over the past year. There are more than 275 firms actively working towards COR™ certification. The following firms received COR™ certification over the last year.

- Alberici Constructors Ltd
- Anderson-Webb Limited
- Carillion Construction Canada
- CEDA Mechanical
- CentiMark Ltd
- Clearway Construction Inc
- Comstock Canada Ltd
- DMC Mechanical Ltd
- Ellis Don Corporation
- E.S. Fox Limited
- Facca Incorporated
- Fermar Paving Limited
- Ferrovial Agroman Canada Inc
- Geo-Foundations Inc
- Gibbs Wilson Contracting Inc
- Gorlan Mechanical Ltd accepting awards for
  - Modern Niagara Group Inc
  - Modern Niagara Ottawa
  - Modern Niagara Toronto Inc
- GridLink
- Maple Reinders
- Melloul-Blamey Construction
- Mike Moore Construction Inc
- Oldcastle BuildingEnvelope
- OZZ Electric Ltd
- Percon Construction Inc
- Rescom Coatings Inc
- Siemens Canada Ltd – Energy Service Fossil
- Sutherland-Schultz Ltd
- Winroc
- WorleyParsons
- Vector Corrosion

Ground Aerial Maintenance
250,000 hrs (01/07 to 03/12)

Guelph Hydro
250,000 hrs (10/11 to 01/13)

Oakville Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc.
250,000 hrs (06/12 to 07/13)

PowerTel Utilities Contractors
250,000 hrs (10/11 to 08/13)

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution
250,000 hrs (01/12 to 02/13)

Kitchener-Wilmot Hydro Inc.
500,000 hrs (07/11 to 07/13)

Orillia Power Distribution Corp
500,000 hrs (11/02 to 09/12)

Veridian Connections
250,000 hrs (09/11 to 05/12,
500,000 hrs (09/11 to 12/12)

London Hydro Inc.
250,000 hrs (03/12 to 09/12
500,000 hrs (03/12 to 03/13)
750,000 hrs (03/12 to 09/13)

PowerStream
750,000 hrs (09/12 to 07/13)

Hydro Ottawa
250,000 hrs (05/12 to 07/12)
500,000 hrs (05/12 to 09/12
750,000 hrs (05/12 to 11/12)
1 million hrs (05/12 to 02/13)

Peterborough Utilities Group
2 million hrs (01/06 to 11/12)
The Charles A. Tallon Award is an award formerly handed out by the legacy Electrical & Utilities Safety Association (E&USA). During his 29-year career at E&USA, Chuck Tallon was a trainer, field representative, supervisor, and General Manager (1988–1998). He earned a reputation as a leader, a fighter, and a man of integrity.

The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding enthusiasm, integrity, and commitment to the ongoing pursuit of excellence in the field of occupational health and safety.

This year the IHSA Board of Directors brought back the award in order to mark the achievements of the association’s leader, Al Beattie. Al has been an advocate of health and safety from the beginning of his career as a powerline technician, to his work with the former E&USA, to his transition to CEO of IHSA.

Al has been a tireless leader for the association, providing a clear direction toward the achievement of his vision: workplaces without injuries, illnesses, or fatalities. This direction has helped IHSA become a vital and sustainable organization in the field of high-risk, sector-specific training and consulting in Ontario and around the world.

The Roy A. Phinnemore Award is presented each year to an individual who has made significant contributions to health and safety.

The 2012 Phinnemore Award was presented to Mike Gallagher, who served as President of the Construction Safety Association of Ontario in 2004-2005. Mike spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at making construction sites safer in Ontario, including a review of tower cranes and drill rigs, and operator training for concrete pumps and 0 to 8 ton cranes. Mike led a campaign to draw more attention to fall-related injuries and fatalities on sites. As a result, CSAO embarked on its largest information blitz ever, distributing more than half a million posters and stickers to jobsites across Ontario.

As a proponent of occupational health and disease awareness, Mike initiated studies of the higher incidence of diabetes and ischemic heart disease among equipment operators. At Mike’s direction, two cents from each hour worked by members of IUOE Local 793 are directed to mesothelioma research at Princess Margaret Hospital. He also initiated and is chair of the Gary O’Neill Memorial Fund, which has raised over $100,000 for esophageal cancer research since 2012.

Mike has worked in the construction industry for more than 30 years, starting in the civil sector, and has been Business Manager of Local 793 since 1996. His father, the late Gerry Gallagher, former Business Manager of LIUNA Local 183, was posthumously awarded this same award by CSAO in 1993 in recognition of his contributions to construction health and safety and his role in establishing the McAndrew Commission following the Hogg’s Hollow tunnel collapse that killed five workers.


The 2012 Gil Samson Award was presented to the Service Sector Labour-Management Health & Safety Committee for their health and safety accomplishments this past year. The committee put considerable time and effort into the development of a web tool that addresses the unique needs of workers and employers in the service sector. The tool provides information on the responsibilities, liabilities, hazards, and proper work procedures for service workers, and for those who hire service contractors.