

ASHRAE Ottawa Valley Chapter

Chapter Meeting #6, March 20th, 2007 (5:30 p.m.)



Meeting Date:	Tuesday, March 20 th , 2007
Location:	La Contessa Banquet Hall, 156 Cleopatra Dr., Nepean, ON
Presiding Officer:	President: Glenn MacLean, M. Eng.
Attendance:	Total: 60 Guests: 5 Students: 1
Theme Night:	Research
Table Top:	Tracer ES and Tracer Summit – Trane Company Neptronic Humidifiers – Walmar Ventilation
Program:	Tendering and Liens
Speaker(s):	Dan Leduc Ogilvy Renault
Prepared by:	Francois Belair, P.Eng. – March 08, 2007

Social (5:30 – 6:30)

Business Session (6:30 – 6:45)

- RL opened the meeting and welcomed members, guests and students
- RL introduced the Board of Governors
- IB introduced the guests and students
- RL calls for a moment of silence in memory of David Minshall past president who is recently deceased.
- RL explains that in an effort to expedite the meeting, the presentation will be done once all guests have been served their meals.

Dinner and Evening Program (6:45 – 7:40)

Program: The construction lien act
Speaker: Dan Leduc

Robert Lefebvre introduced the evening speaker.

The construction lien act is a powerful piece of legislation that is the cornerstone for all seeking compensation in the construction process including Engineers, and Contractors.

Unlike past contract law presentations, Mr. Leduc presented his subject(s) with a great deal of flair and an obvious passion for his work. Born the son of an electrical contractor, Mr. Leduc deviated from his destined path to follow a profession who many contractors and engineers wish didn't exist. One of only a half dozen construction professionals, I would not be the least bit surprised if he were the cities top construction litigator.

Dan's presentation began by covering the basics of construction law, contracts A and B, pitfalls, major legal precedents and then offered some wisdom to all those who may have to pursue legal action, hire a mediator and settle before any litigation is required. His advise, although self evident to many is only

lawyers win when a trial goes the distance. Judges and sometimes juries are not construction experts and so the litigator's job is to paint a very simple picture of the case using bristol boards, experts, tight black gloves and stacks of legal precedent.

By trials end, the perspective which judge and jury understand is the one who wins. With construction law it seems that due to the technical nature of the content, facts rarely win cases but rather sharp legal teams and simple approaches.

Business Session-Continued (8:15 – 8:30)

- GM does nominations and asks David Eastwood to list BOG and Executive for 2007-2008.
 - GM asks Joel Primeau to discuss history/past presidents. Joel would like all past presidents to bring information forward for their year to put on the chapters website.
 - Bob Kilpatrick makes final appeal to the membership to submit their projects for TEGA awards.
 - Don Weeks announces new chapter members Shahrok Farzam, Gary Bond, Alex Zarodev, Ajow Vizma, Andrew Klassen.
 - JD discusses research and announces region is 45% behind its 2006 totals and appeals to the membership to support our efforts.
 - With no other business at hand, Glen adjourned the meeting at 8:32pm.
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