

CAMA Holds Quarterly Board Meeting in Québec City



2018-2019 and 2019-2020 CAMA Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA) held their quarterly meeting in Québec City before the 48th Annual CAMA Conference. The meeting was held on Sunday May 26th, 2019.

The Board dealt with a number of items, but what follows are the highlights of those discussions:

Update from the Alliance for Innovation

CAMA was pleased to have Joel Carnes, President and CEO for the Alliance for Innovation, CAMA's affiliate partner, in attendance to provide an update on their recent activities. The Alliance's focus is on developing and sustaining thriving communities and they assist in transforming strategy, culture and ecosystems.

The Alliance offers a special discount to all CAMA members and learning resources for your entire organization. If you are interested in this opportunity call [1-888-496-0944](tel:1-888-496-0944) or e-mail join@transformgov.org for more information on how to leverage these benefits for your community.

2019 Québec City Conference

The Board spent a significant amount of time reviewing the program and logistics associated with the Conference in a joint session with the CAMA administrative team.

If you were unable to attend the Conference and would like to view some of the speaker sessions, the video recordings can be found in the [Member's Section](#). The presentations can also be found on the [CAMA website](#). Public Sector Digest also covered the CAMA and FCM Conferences from top to bottom and you can read their review [here](#).

2020 Deerhurst Conference

The Board was updated on preparations for next year's Conference being held at the Deerhurst Resort in Huntsville scheduled for June 1-3, 2020. The hotel room block will be made available in January 2020 for this event. The Program Sub-Committee for this Conference will begin meeting in July 2019 to start discussing possible themes and speakers. If you have any ideas, please forward them to the CAMA National Office (admin@camacam.ca).

2021 and 2022

These Conferences will be held in Tremblant, QC (2021) and Regina, SK (2022).



Partnership with BoxOfDocs Connects Members to the Next Wave of Search Technology

CAMA's new partnership with the BoxOfDocs will benefit you and your staff by providing a [discounted rate](#) on monthly and annual memberships for this service. The partnership gives CAMA members access to the next generation of municipal documentation tools from municipalities across Canada, in one place. BoxOfDocs uses advanced technologies that include fast and efficient search capabilities for users to quickly find quality peer documents for researching, benchmarking and creating new documents. Using BoxOfDocs makes our members more efficient, saving significant time and money for the communities that they serve. Visit the [website](#) for more information.

CAO Performance Evaluation Committee Update

CAMA will continue to promote the [CAO Performance Evaluation Toolkit](#) across the country to the elected officials and administrators. A brochure was included in the FCM delegate bags on this topic and CAMA was also pleased to have a booth at their tradeshow to promote membership and this tool.

Political Acumen Toolkit Project & Mentorship Forum



Recognizing the importance of political understanding in the role of senior municipal administrators, also referred to as political acumen, the Board was pleased to launch the [Political Acumen Toolkit](#). Watch for more details on each topic in the toolkit in upcoming e-briefs. Check out this valuable resource to support you and your senior administrators in their careers!

The related [Mentorship Forum](#) was developed in tandem with the Toolkit to encourage and facilitate the relationship between experienced and new leaders, as well as support succession planning in local government. It is a resource for connecting with other CAMA members, finding mentors, obtaining support from colleagues across the country, and discussing municipal issues at a pan-Canada level. Sign up today!

Our Next Toolkit

The Board are currently working on preparing a CAO Employment Contract Toolkit that will support CAOs when negotiating their contract. Work will continue on this initiative with a goal to launching it at the 2020 Conference.

Communications/Member Campaign

The Board approved a new marketing plan that will focus on membership in CAMA with the newest benefits being our three toolkits. We will also be increasing the outreach to elected officials so that they will see the value when their senior managers would like to join CAMA and/or attend the Conference. Watch for more details in the Fall of 2019.

Audited Financial Statements

The Board approved the audited Financial Statements for the April 1st, 2018 to March 31st, 2019 fiscal year which reported a surplus of \$8,761 and an accumulated surplus of \$631,219.

ICMA

Tim Anderson, International Vice-President of ICMA joined the Board to provide an update on their activities. Canada is the largest affiliate of ICMA with 211 members.

CAMA Members have a special rate of only \$135.00 US to join. Even if you are not able to attend the ICMA Annual Conference, the information and resources available on their website is very valuable. If you would like to join ICMA or need additional details please visit the [website](#).

The next meeting of the CAMA Board will be held in Whitehorse from September 18-20, 2019.

If you have any thoughts or comments, don't hesitate to contact the CAMA National Office or any CAMA Board Member at any time.

Thanks for all your support and enjoy your summer!



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