

Underground Network

Q2-2013

www.scga.ca

Daryl Posehn

Executive Director, SCGA

e-mail: dposehn@scga.ca

April 2013 Safe Digging Month and CSAA Safety Breakfasts

Although colder than normal, and still with lots of snow on the ground, the month of April was again declared Safe Digging Month in Saskatchewan by the Government, Sask1st Call and the SCGA. The importance of "Call Before You Dig" was highlighted throughout the month and in particular at breakfasts hosted by the Contractor Safety Awareness Association (CSAA). This year, 29 events were held with over 4,500 individuals attending to listen to the message.



Take Five Before Digging

This article from the spring 2013 Damage Prevention Professional highlights the steps that can be taken to help avoid potential life threatening risks and improve safety around excavation projects. Although the article is written from the perspective of working in the United States, the key elements are also proven steps to be followed in Saskatchewan including calling Sask1st Call.

http://www.damagepreventionprofessional.com/PDFs_Articles/DPP_2013_Spring/DPP_2013_Spring_36.pdf

Symposium for Damage Prevention

The first annual Canadian Common Ground Alliance (CCGA) Symposium for Damage Prevention will be held November 12-14, 2013 at the Delta Lodge in Kananaskis, Alberta. This event will be an opportunity to meet with peers from across Canada and share knowledge and ideas. It would be great to have solid participation from Saskatchewan. More information will follow. If you would like to submit suggestions for topics that you would like covered at the event, please follow this link to complete a brief survey.

<http://freeonlinesurveys.com/rendersurvey.asp?sid=lvp4g875wg5uld11052646>

Task Forces for Damage Prevention Best Practices and Mandatory One Call are Being Created

The Damage Prevention Task Force will be challenged to update the current SCGA version of Best Practices through a process that will also produce a Canadian "standardized" version. The Mandatory One Call Task Force will be investigating the opportunity, and challenges, of implementing mandatory one call legislation for Saskatchewan. Please contact Daryl Posehn or any of the SCGA Board of Directors if you are interested.

Welcome to New Members

Over the last few months a number of new members have joined the SCGA. Welcome to the following new members:

- 20/20 Geomatics Ltd.
- Acme Environmental Services Inc.
- Caltech Surveys Ltd.
- Carson Energy Services Ltd.
- City of Swift Current
- Future Fence Ltd.
- Meridian Surveys Ltd.

Reminders

Invoices for 2013 memberships/sponsorships have recently been mailed out. Your immediate attention to them would be greatly appreciated.

Upcoming Events

A spring meeting for members of the SCGA and interested guests is planned for:

Thursday, June 6, 2013

10:30 am to 1:00 pm (lunch provided)

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

1800 Prince of Wales Drive, Regina Saskatchewan

The meeting will be an opportunity for all current and new members to meet and receive an update on the 2013 Business Plan for the SCGA. In addition, the bylaws of the organization will be discussed and presented for approval by the membership. RSVP - Tracy Goudy (tgoudy@saskenergy.com) (306-777-9354)