

October 2004

To: All members of the PMAC Montreal West Island District.

The West Island District Executive hopes that all our members had a safe and enjoyable summer. It is our hope that we all have been re-energized so that we all can continue to make valuable contributions to the success of our employers, the Purchasing Profession and the PMAC West Island District.

On behalf of the district, congratulations are extended to John Masselos a.p.a for his appointment as President of the Corporation des Approvisionnementneurs du Quebec (C.A.Q) for the 2004-2005 session. John has faithfully served the West Island district for many years for which we are thankful and we wish him success and support as he leads the Association at the Provincial level.

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE FOR THE 2004-2005 SESSION

Peter Prahalis - President

George Craigie C.P.P. - Secretary/Treasurer

Ian McAskill - Past President

Paul A. McFarlane C.P.P. - Communication

- Interim Vice-President

NEXT GENERAL MEETING	THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING FOR THE 2004 - 2005 SESSION WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2004 AT THE DORVAL HILTON HOTEL STARTING AT 5:30PM. THE GUEST SPEAKER AT THIS MEETING WILL BE MR. ARTHUR STANLEY VICE-PRESIDENT, OPERATIONS, FedEx EXPRESS CANADA. THE TOPIC WILL BE: "CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPORTS IN POST 9-11"
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As a reminder, the meal at the General Meeting is at no cost to members who are registered with "activities in". There is, however, a cost of \$35.00, payable at the door, for members who are registered with "activities excluded" or for non-member guests. Please confirm your intent to attend this first meeting by contacting Lise-Anne De Varennes at 514-333-0042 or by e-mail at lise-anne.de.varennes@mdsps.com

GUEST SPEAKER PROFILE



Mr. Authur Stanley, Vice President, Operations, FedEx Express Canada is responsible for the strategic direction and management of the FedEx Canadian operations including district airport ramps, sort, pickup, delivery and systems operations. He began his career with FedEx in 1982, and has been promoted through the management ranks before assuming his current position in 1998. Arthur received an Executive MBA from Simon Fraser University in 1997 and a Professional Logistics Designation in 1998.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT - PETER PRAHALIS

I would like to take this opportunity and thank PMAC West-Island district for appointing me as the 2004/05 President. I take on the position fully aware of the rich history of this district which I have had the pleasure and honor of hearing it directly from its proud founding fathers. I am also aware of today' challenges of maintaining let alone growing our current membership base while simultaneously managing fiscal responsibility.

I am part of the Executive Committee of four dedicated members committed to continuously bringing value to our fellow members. The majority of these members have volunteered on this team for numerous years, and I myself have had the pleasure over the past four years to be part of this team. I have witnessed first hand the executives' dedication spending valuable time away from their families in meetings to coordinate events and manage our district's affairs, and for this we are grateful.

One of the strategies in assuring the viability of our district is to continue with last year's initiative in aligning ourselves with industry leaders who see the value of our association and are in a position to sponsor our general meetings. The Montreal district has also approached us on the possibility of creating one district for the Montreal metropolitan area. Our obligation is to present this opportunity to the association. The Executive Committee will be relying heavily on our membership for guidance on this important matter.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity and encourage our fellow members to attend our general meetings and participate in shaping the future of our district. The schedule of our general meetings can be found at our website at, www.wicaq-pmac.org

Please feel free to contact myself or any other member of the Executive Committee with any ideas or comments that can add value to our district.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Please note the following meeting dates in your agenda / palm pilot or whatever planning method that you use.

October 26, 2004 / November 23, 2004 / January 25, 2005 / March 22, 2005

Visit the web site for more information on these upcoming meetings. www.wicaq-pmac.org

SEMINARS

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Message from the Provincial President – John Masselos

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I am pleased to have been appointed to serve as the incoming President of the CAQ for the year 2004/2005. I bring to this position 20 years of procurement experience from the Aerospace Industry and more than 13 years of volunteer work with the PMAC at the District level.

Since 1991, I covered all positions including that of President of the West Island District in 1996-1997. I was also involved on the CAQ administrative council since 1994 having worked on committees concerning the Strategic Plan, the Constitution and By-laws, which was adopted at the 2003 Provincial Conference, and am currently working on the Administrative Annexes that includes a revised procedure for the Volunteer Recognition Program.

Objectives for this term will be that of flowing down National's Key Strategies dictating the decentralization of various functions and responsibilities from the National to Provincial level as formulated by the CSE (Council of Senior Executives) where Mr. Jacques Arseneault represents us. These changes come as a result of our new partnership with National and the Provincial Institutes. As important are CAQ's objectives as outlined in our ongoing strategic plan. Emphasis will be put on the education program as we now have a University Chair at HEC thanks to the financial support of the Canadian Purchasing Research Foundation We will continue to support the AEC and DEC programs put in place by College Bois-de-Boulogne as well as continuing our efforts restarted in 2004 to work towards our Professional recognition in the province of Quebec.

At our 2004 Provincial Conference, we presented the "Prix CAQ Entreprise" to College Bois de Boulogne (Montreal). This award has its roots back to the 75th anniversary of the Montreal District held in 1994. College Bois de Boulogne's outstanding work and effort has made it possible to obtain an Attestation in the procurement field. This program is now being introduced to other CEGEP's with a goal of having a uniform program across Quebec. Equally, a DEC currently in its final stages of introduction will follow the same route of the AEC.

I hope to meet with you during one of your activities or better yet at the 2005 Provincial Conference, which will be held in Laval September 21, & 22. The theme will be "Vivre la Mondialisation" and will be hosted by the Montreal district.