31st RCI International Convention – Orlando 2016

The RCI Ontario Chapter was well represented this year at the 31st RCI International Convention in Orlando, Florida. It might have had something to do with the warm Florida sun or the fact that the RCI International President is our own Mr. Jean-Guy Levaque. The icing on the cake was the keynote speaker who was none other than Canadian Astronaut Chris Hadfield. All in all, Canada was superbly represented at this year’s convention. The Canadian content was a testament to the hard work and dedication of its members and industry partners. This was highlighted for all to see when the Ontario chapter was recognized as having the most outstanding membership growth in 2015. Along with being mentioned as an outstanding chapter, our own Katharine Spavins (past President) was the recipient of the RCI “Michael DeFrancesco volunteer of the year award”. Katharine’s hard work and dedication to the Ontario chapter is unparalleled and very much appreciated by all members.

This year the RCI Canadian Chapters were fortunate to have a fellow canuck as the RCI International President. Mr. Jean-Guy Levaque is an exceptional ambassador for all Canadian members and one that we are very proud of. His hard work and dedication to RCI has allowed the organization to continue to flourish and grow moving into 2016. The RCI Ontario Chapter would like to congratulate Mr. Jean-Guy Levaque on his successful term as RCI International President.

The RCI Ontario Chapter welcomed 4 university students as guests to the RCI Orlando convention. The four students participated in an array of RCI functions and educational sessions. Along with their participation they were able to mingle with industry professionals and learn about possible careers in the roofing and building science industry. A big thank-you to the student members who attended the convention: Ching Chi Suen (Ryerson University), Dalia El Helow (University of Toronto), Michael Zinoviev (University of Ottawa) & Stacy (xi) Sun (Ryerson University).

Upcoming Events:

- The Education Committee is holding an upcoming “Breakfast Seminar” at the Brampton Golf and Country Club on March 27, 2016. Don’t miss this exciting RCI Ontario Chapter breakfast seminar. Topics to include:
1: Spray Foam Insulation - Chris Janzen (BASF Canada)

2: Asphalt Shingle Roofing – Mike Wilson (IKO Industries)

- The Social Committee is holding “RCI Ontario Chapter Golf Tournament” at King’s Riding Golf Club on June 21, 2016.

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