



ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES



WHAT DOES CRCA DO FOR YOU

STANDARDS

- *The CRCA National Technical Committee meets twice a year to provide a forum for addressing current technical issues to members across Canada.*
- Represent CRCA members on ULC Thermal Insulation committee.
- *Represent CRCA members on CGSB committee for Modified Bituminous Membranes.*
- Represent CRCA members on CSA Technical committee for Bituminous Roofing Materials.
- *Represent CRCA members on International Joint Committee on Roofing Materials and Systems (CIB/Rilem).*
- Represent CRCA members on ASTM and D08 committee.
- *Gave numerous technical presentations to various construction and building management associations, including Construction Specifications Canada, PM Expo, Construct Canada, RCI and BECOR.*
- Published numerous technical papers and articles for various construction magazines and journals, including Professional Roofing, RCI Interface, Construction Canada and Canadian Homebuilders.
- *Actively participated in the Federal Government's Construction Innovation Roundtable.*
- Meet with federal departments, if required, such as Labour Canada on Federal Fair Wages and Hours of Labour, Human Resources Development Canada (Employment Insurance), Defense Construction (Specifications), Public Works and Government Services Canada (Specifications).
- *Provide information to members on environmental issues such as asphalt fumes, disposal of waste and recycling of material.*
- In conjunction with the National Research Council Industrial Research Assistance Program (IRAP), CRCA conducted three projects: Automation of Specification Manual, Feasibility Study of Foam Insulation problems, and Asphalt Quality Study.



- *CRCA issues Technical & Advisory bulletins to the roofing industry. These bulletins are sent to over 4000 people. Several have been re-printed in RCI Interface Magazine, Facility Management and other construction trade journals and magazines. Members can find all the bulletins at www.roofingcanada.com.*
- CRCA responds to technical inquiries from members, owners, architects, and specifiers. These inquiries come by telephone, fax, e-mail or via the CRCA Website.
- *In 1997, CRCA updated the first National Roofing Specification Manual for Canada and increased it by over 40% with new material.*
- CRCA has worked with Canadian Construction Materials Centre (CCMC) to promote a policy recommending all roofing materials used in Canada have a CCMC listing if a Canadian standard is available.

COMMUNICATION

- *CRCA provides to the roofing industry two issues per year of their publication entitled "Roofing Canada". This was started as an annual publication in 1993 and increased to two issues per year in 1997. Our publisher is Naylor Publications Company (Canada). There is a direct link to Naylor on the CRCA website www.roofingcanada.com.*
- To communicate with our membership, we have produced over 50 issues of CRCA News. In 1999, we established the www.roofingcanada.com website to detail CRCA activities. This includes information on the CRCA Membership, Items for Sale, Technical Inquiries and Current News. Links to all Affiliated Provincial Associations are included on this website. A Careers in Roofing Section is also on the CRCA website.
- *Sponsor the largest roofing trade show in Canada entitled "ROOFTech" The Canada Roofing Exposition. These trade shows are held in odd numbered years and rotate from east to west. Additional information can be found at www.rooftech.ca.*
- To exchange technical information with NRCA, we have personnel from respective associations attend technical committee meetings and annual conferences of each respective association.
- *Formalized meetings with the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA) Executive and CRCA Executive on an annual basis.*
- Coordinated funding and representation on National Research Council project entitled "Special Interest Group for Dynamic Evaluation of Roofing Systems (SIGDERS) to study wind effects on roofs and assisted in the development of the Best Practices Guide.



- *Actively participate in NRC/IRC sponsored Roof Top Garden Consortium to study benefits of roof top gardens and develop Best Practices Guide.*
- *Actively participated in NRC/IRC sponsored BELCAM Consortium to study life cycle of roofing systems.*
- *Moderated sessions on Roofing at International Conference on Building Envelope Systems and Technologies (ICBEST).*
- *Sponsored seminar “Building Better Roofs” across Canada in collaboration with National Research Council of Canada, Public Works and Government Services Canada and BOMA.*
- *Strengthened affiliate relations and communication by having meetings with the CRCA Board of Directors and Provincial Associations and have annual meetings of managers of roofing associations.*
- *Hold annual conferences to allow members to exchange information and ideas.*
- *Issued an Operations Manual to all members so that they would be aware of CRCA activities.*
- *Issue an updated Operations Manual to the CRCA Board of Directors.*
- *Co-sponsor North American and international roofing symposium on roofing technology in cooperation with the National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA).*
- *Co-sponsored workshops on re-roofing and sustainable roofing in collaboration with the Oakridge National Laboratories and the U.S. Department of Energy.*
- *Started Canadian Project Pinpoint in June 1993.*
- *Promote CRCA, Provincial Associations and members at National Trade Shows in Canada and the United States (Construct Canada, National Roofing Contractors Association (NRCA)).*
- *Started an awards program to recognize 25 years of membership in CRCA.*
- *Presented the first Frank Ladner award in 1991 to recognize technical merit in the roofing industry.*
- *Instituted the Jacques Chevalier Scholarship award in 1992 to support needy students in pursuing higher education.*
- *Provide Honorary membership to recognize those individuals for their contribution to the roofing industry.*



HUMAN RESOURCES & TRAINING

- *With respect to human resource issues, CRCA completed 3 agreements with Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) that focused on training and retention of skilled labour in the roofing industry. Products from these studies included a seminar on Recruitment Orientation on Selection of New Roofers, developed national training standards for the roofing industry, produced a Canadian Roofing Reference Manual and collected information on the roofing industry through a Hay Management study.*
- *CRCA continues to work with the Sheet Metal industry on human resource studies funded by the Construction Sector Council. Work in this area has resulted in a “Careers in Roofing” webpage along with an Orientation and Pre-apprenticeship program. In 2006, new work on this project will be started.*
- *In 1999, CRCA set-up a National Safety Committee to look at fire and torch safety. With material provided by the Alberta Roofing Contractors Association, Quebec Master Roofers Association, Roofing Contractors Association of British Columbia and the MidWest Roofing Contractors Association along with information in the Canadian Roofing Reference Manual, a National Torch Safety Program was finalized. The revised material has been provided to all of the Affiliated Provincial Associations in order that they may deliver this program.*

ROOFING STATISTICS

- *CRCA continues to collect market information. The first major study was done by CanaData and the second with the National Roofing Contractors Association. Now we collect roofing information every three years in Canada.*

INSURANCE

- *In 1993, CRCA established a National Insurance Program. Participation in the program increased over the years but after a major loss in September 2001, the program was terminated. The Board of Directors continues to monitor the insurance industry concerns and have held meetings with the Insurance Bureau of Canada to address the availability and cost of insurance to our members. CRCA is used as a forum for provincial associations to obtain information to address insurance issues.*

NATIONAL TRADE CONTRACTORS COALITION OF CANADA (NTCCC)

- *In 2004 and to date, CRCA has been meeting with other Canadian national trade associations to review and address issues of mutual concern. The NTCCC have identified three priority objectives: 1) Getting paid promptly for work performed 2) Promoting bid depositories 3) Promoting unaltered standard forms of contracts.*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

- *In 2004, Habitat for Humanity was chosen as the official charity of the CRCA. Updates on the participation of members in the charity are detailed in the Roofing Canada magazine. CRCA members are asked to contribute to Habitat for Humanity.*