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The Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada's 74th National Conference Was A Huge Success.

The HEAT is On was the theme of MCA Canada's National Conference held at the amazing Omni Ranchos Las Palmas Resort & Spa in magnificent Palm Springs, California, from November 16 to 19.

The delegates who attended enjoyed a host of educational programs, workshops and social events. The conference kicked off with the John Bradshaw Memorial Golf Tournament, at the Desert Hills Golf Club. The winning team of Bruce Laing, Christopher Weins and Rick Levesque beat out a number of close competitors on a picture-perfect course and day.

Opening night's California Dreaming party included live music by internationally renowned cellist Marsden and live dance music by Beach Boys cover band Catch A Wave. There was also ample shopping at local vendor stations, culinary sampling from around California, and incredible hot-air balloon rides for all delegates.

The Welcoming Breakfast featured keynote speaker and former NHL All Star Clint Malarchuk who provided an amazing and uplifting story of his life in the NHL and beyond while dealing with mental illness.

Delegates were whisked away to 'Field of Dreams' Park for a night that brought back memories of younger days to all the participants. With baseball, golf, football and many other events going on, it was spectacular fun and despite a few aches and pains - everyone left with a smile.

The conference ended with our first Awards Gala. A.O Smith, Bradford White, Apollo Valves, Taco Canada and IPEX received Certificates of Appreciation. Peter Ashton received the Doug Crawford Memorial Award. MCA America was recognized for its contribution to Operation Eyesight. AON Insurance, A.O. Smith, Total Energy Systems and Wolseley Mechanical Group all earned 100 Year Awards. Finally, the prestigious Gary Greig Memorial Award was presented to MCA Newfoundland and Labrador Manager Dave Dawe. Congratulations to all our award recipients.

There were plenty of business meetings mixed in among these great events: committee meetings, the CEC Council meeting, the MSCC board of director's meeting, the annual general meeting itself and the MCA Canada board of director's meetings took place to set the course for MCA Canada for 2016 and beyond.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, there was a changing of the guard among the board of directors. MCA Canada President Gaetan Beaulieu handed the association's reins over to new President Del Pawliuk. The association also recognized retiring board members Peter Ashton and John Baker for their contributions.

Everyone had a wonderful time in California. Next year look for even more magic as the conference will be held on the Disney property at the Yacht Club Resort from November 14 to 17, 2016.

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The [Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada](http://www.mcac.ca) (MCAC) is a national, non-profit federation of autonomous provincial associations working for the betterment and advancement of the trade and mechanical contracting industry in Canada. Established in 1895, MCAC is a vibrant and diverse national association serving the needs of mechanical contractors of all sizes engaged in such disciplines as plumbing, heating, ventilation, air conditioning, controls systems, medical gases, welding, and fire suppression primarily within the industrial, commercial and institutional sectors. With offices in each province and 14 regional offices in Ontario, the MCAC is Canada's largest trade contractor Association.