



October 2008

CANADIAN WELDING WEEK

The Canadian Welding Association has just completed one of its busiest and most eventful weeks in the Association's recent history.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

THE GLOBE AND MAIL

The Globe and Mail published a two-page Special Information Supplement titled "Welding – Connecting Canada's Economy." The supplement highlighted the importance of welding in Canada's economy, Canadian Welding Week events, how the Canadian Welding Industry's Technology Roadmap gave direction for individuals and industries, as well as the role of the CWA—CWB Group partnership in Canadian industry and education.

The Supplement was supported by advertising from Praxair, Lincoln Electric Company of Canada, Mohawk College, Nederman, ESAB Welding & Cutting Products, CWB Group and CWA.

NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

CWA held its first National Advisory Council meeting at the CWB Group's offices. Under CWA's new structure, the National Advisory Council replaces the Board of Directors.

We had excellent representation at the meeting with nine of 12 chapters, five of eight supplier members and CWB Group represented at the meeting.

The chapters all reported exciting plans for their programs this fall and Dale Malcolm, chair of the supplier committee detailed the plans for the Weld Expo Canada trade show and Canadian Welding Week in general.

The Council decided that Canadian Welding Week would be an annual event. It will coincide with national welding events such as Skills Canada competitions, Weld Expo Canada and the Western Manufacturing Technology Show.

In future years, instead of holding an Annual Members Meeting (formerly the Annual General Meeting), members will be invited to sit in on the National Advisory Council meeting.

2008 ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

The dinner was held at the Delta Meadowvale Hotel in Mississauga. It was attended by 47 people who can to honour the award recipients.

- The Michael N. Vuchnich Award was presented by Joe Doria to Dr. J.E.M. (Mac) Braid of CANMET/Materials Technology Laboratory for advancing the science, technology and application of arc welding in Canada.
- Bill Eccles was given the Robert J. Jacobson Memorial Award for his work in bringing the Canadian Welding Association into the CWB group family.
- Emad Assaad was presented with a recognition award for his work in implementing the acquisition of CWA by CWB Group.

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 to 25

CHAPTER EVENTS

The Winnipeg chapter hosted a Student Career Night / Meet the Employers and a Robotic Welding Seminar to coincide with and support Canadian Welding Week. Other chapters will hold related events at future dates.

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WELD EXPO CANADA

The Weld Expo Canada trade show was held at the International Centre near the Toronto Airport. Fourteen of CWA's supplier members exhibited at the trade show. Customer traffic at the show was similar to that of previous shows.

The show was hosted by the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. SME partnered with CWA make a series of 12 technical speaker sessions available to attendees. The topics ranged from safety to new technology to productivity. All were well received.

The last day of the show was Student's Day. Students were encouraged to visit exhibitors and find out about welding technology and careers. Two panel discussions – one on careers in welding and one on welding apprenticeships – were held. Panelists, students, and educators at each session joined in lively topical discussions. All attending felt the sessions brought all stakeholders together and provided useful and useable information.

WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 TO 26

The 5th International Seminar on Advances in Resistance Welding was held in Toronto. Reports indicate that 26 papers on resistance welding were presented to a large audience drawn from around the world.

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