

# CWA Membership Survey Results

March 18, 2007

	Scale of 1 to 5	Importance of activity	How well CWA does
Chapter email/fax newsletter		3.8	3.9
Technical seminars		4.3	3.6
Career advancement		3.5	3
Networking		3.9	3.2
Information sessions		4.2	3.4
Student support		3.8	3.3
Scholarships		3.5	3.3
Training and information sessions		4.1	3.4
Donations of equipment and consumables		3.5	3.1
Skills Canada		3.9	3.5
Social events		2.8	3.3
Golf tournaments		2.5	3.6
Other social events		2.6	3.3
Canadian Welding Association Journal		4.6	4.4
Overall look/layout of Journal		4.3	4.6
Relevance of information		4.4	4.4
Editorial content		4.2	4.3
Articles		4.6	4.5
Participation in Canadian welding industry Technology Roadmap and similar initiatives		4.3	3.9
CWA monthly email/fax newsletter		3.8	4.2

**The following responses are verbatim with minor spelling corrections.**

**Tell us more about any of the above or other services you'd like to see.**

- A directory on companies dealing with welding material and equipment and new technology
- Big questions remain:
  1. whether merging with CWB is good idea. I think CWA would be swallowed /directed too much- CWB has different (commercial) agenda
  2. How we might link with AWS in order to get benefits of their publications (especially for students) while still retaining Canadian perspective. This remains hot topic in West, which perhaps sees CWA as Eastern monopoly?
- Expand welding Journal. I am retired but I like to keep up with what is happening in the industry; my participation however is minimal.
- I need to pay more attention to what is available etc.
- If possible, it would be nice to see a forum page on our website so you could communicate with others on employment & problems etc.
- Introduction of advanced joining technologies and problem solving tips.
- More information for small business in Nova Scotia
- Test and suggest consumables like welding rod, wire discs, tools, power sources, equipment etc without being biased. To encourage participation, offer students free membership
- Would be nice to see an on-line forum, where people can ask questions and others who can assist can provide assistance, answers & resources. Very good networking tool

### **What could WE do to make your membership in CWA more valuable?**

- Have a few pages or a feature on the new welding technology coming out on the market. For example, a one page article on shielding gases or a one page article on inverter technology
- Meetings less money so as small business can afford in NS
- More online content - welding information/process/code.
- NB chapter required. Offer lectures from industry professionals in local areas
- Provide leadership & direction on issues related to education, training & recruitment of welding personnel.
- Safety issues. Grinding and handling, like storage of gases handling, how to build a bottle shed for storage, for smaller companies.
- Send me on travel trips to other countries to investigate how they "sell" welding- training, research, industry/university/ trade training links.
- Technical information/question/answers support
- The Journal is excellent & continues to grow & improve with every issue. I enjoy receiving it. Thank you.

### **What could YOU do to make your membership in CWA more valuable?**

- Become more involved in CWA events.
- Examine the possibility of apprenticeships for welders in Canada, not (A-B-C) tickets (one system only in Canada, not every province different).
- Learn more about the association probably etc.
- Need to assign someone to get more involved to get more value - only have so much time.
- Participate in chapter meetings - conflicting events at this time
- Participation in committees. Spend more time on welding: research, teaching, visits to companies
- Tell more of my clients about what the CWA does and get them attending some of these meetings

### **How could CWA better serve the Canadian welding industry?**

- Any merging type of involvement with the CWB should be approached very carefully. There is a whole world of welding in Canada including ASME pressure vessel work, automotive work, aerospace, transportation etc. The CWB is only a small part of welding in Canada.
- Be more active in taking the recommendations from the Welding Industry Technology Roadmap and providing a leadership role in promoting and implementing the recommendations of that report.
- By supporting [bicycle registry.com](http://bicycleregistry.com) Educating young students and tech support. I like what you are doing at the high school level. We've got to get the new kids interested in welding and impress upon them that a livelihood in the field of welding is possible, profitable and enjoyable
- More access to welding information - processes/codes.
- Offer additional support resources to attract more business
- Perhaps we need to identify "sectors" -e.g. steel & aluminum fabrication (traditional "Large" industries), aerospace, electronic and microjoining, non-metallics & composites, education, pressure vessels and mining repairs (Scott Lawson might have ideas on suitable subdivisions- I'm just throwing out ideas here.)
- Support the small business. Why does the Canadian Welding Association not list any of Canada's national standard development organizations under Related Associations? e.g. CSA, CGSB, BNQ, etc. The Standards provided by these organizations are continuously reviewed and updated (by volunteer members) for relevancy to reflect the most current technologies, methodologies and practices in Canadian industry. They provide minimum requirements and recommendations to protect against injury, illness and damage to property arising from installation, operation and maintenance of equipment used in such processes. Standards like: The CSA W47.1: is the de facto qualification code of structural welding in Canada. The CSA W117.2: Alberta OHMS has mandated the following: "Welding - general 171.1(1) An employer must, if reasonably practicable, comply with the requirements of CSA Standard W117.2-01, Safety in Welding, Cutting and Allied Processes."