



Canadian Welding Association
Association Canadienne de Soudage

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The Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Welding Association has elected Scott MacKay to the position of Chairman during its recent elections. Scott is a 28 year employee of MacDon Industries Ltd. and brings with him many years of welding, cutting and production experience. As the Assistant Foreman and Welding Technology Specialist at MacDon Scott also brings to the table a great deal of enthusiasm regarding all aspects of welding and the associated trades.

It is the goal of the new committee to try and advance the knowledge base in the Winnipeg area and more importantly to create long term relationships within the local community. Our most recent and aggressive initiative includes networking with the local schools and training facilities in the hopes of attracting the interest of more young people into the welding trades. This of course can only be achieved with the support of the membership, so we also hope to be able to attract more interest and participation from both new and current members.

In support of “Canadian Welding Week” we are also planning a “Meet the Employers” student night and job fair as well as a Robotic seminar. These events are scheduled to run during the week of September 22-27, 2008 and should be very popular. We have also planned our October meeting which will include a tour of Standard Aero. These are going to be very popular events and will fill up fast, advanced registration will be required. Space will be limited so do not delay. Fax-back Registration Forms are available at our website, or email SMacKay@MACDON.com to register.

These are both busy and exciting times in the welding industry across Canada and here in Manitoba. With many companies at near capacity and facing what may be a critical shortage of qualified welding personnel, it is imperative that we as a group do everything we can to alleviate this problem. Please don't hesitate, make the commitment and get involved. We look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming meetings and seminars.

Remember to check out the Canadian Welding Association's web page at www.cwa-acs.org to find information on benefits of membership, local chapter events, welding journals, national news, convention dates and job opportunities.

Dinner meetings are planned for the third Wednesday of every month at the Assiniboine Gordon Inn on the Park, 1975 Portage Ave. at 6:00 pm.

Ticket costs are as follows:

	At Door	Advance Booking (5 Dinners)
Members	\$18.00	\$80.00 (\$16.00 each)
Non-Members	\$20.00	\$90.00 (\$18.00 each)
Student Member	\$15.00	\$65.00 (\$13.00 each)
Student Non-Member	\$17.00	\$75.00 (\$15.00 each)

If you have questions about any of the above membership programs or our schedule of events please refer to the above web site for a listing and contact information for our Winnipeg Executive members.

Sincerely,

Scott MacKay
Chairperson,
CWA Winnipeg Chapter