



PSAC 2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Master Service Agreement. A PSAC Master Service Agreement, designed to streamline contract negotiations between service and producing companies, was finalized for member use starting in 2006.

Presentations to MLAs. In April, PSAC spearheaded a joint industry presentation to Alberta Ministers and MLAs. Then in November, PSAC, along with six other industry associations, made a presentation to BC Ministers, MLAs and Ministry staff about petroleum operations in that province. These events provided an excellent opportunity to deliver a shared message relating to what our industry provides and what is needed from our elected officials and citizens going forward.

Tax Exempt Fuel User (TEFU) Program. After almost four years of negotiation, PSAC has reached agreement with Alberta Revenue on proposed changes to the Tax Exempt Fuel User (TEFU) Program and has agreed on common consumption factors for the service sector. PSAC's member companies were introduced to the revised program at the end of 2005.

Cargo Securement. To help members comply with the new North American Cargo Securement Standard, PSAC agreed to champion an industry 'Best Practice' on Cargo Securement for equipment and machinery used in the oil and gas industry. PSAC is working closely with members, provincial regulators, and Canadian and US transportation departments and agencies on the development of this Best Practice.

First Petroleum Industry 'Designated Occupations' Certificates. The first Designated Occupations certificates for oilfield operations were awarded in Alberta. This certification, based on the competencies and assessment processes originally developed by PSAC, is comparable to a Journeyman Certificate in a trade and is the equivalent of the official Apprenticeship designation.

BC Employment Standards. PSAC and the BC Ministry of Skills Development and Labour agreed on significant and positive changes to the BC Employment Standards Act as it relates to oil and gas operations. The changes to the Act ease the administrative burden of PSAC members operating in BC.

Well Testing Training Program. PSAC and the Southern Alberta Institute of Technology (SAIT) developed and launched an industry-wide technical training program for well testing, the first program of its kind for this sector. Aligned with the occupational standards of competency for well testing, the program provides trainees with a theoretical knowledge base to complement and enhance their on-the-job training.

Monthly Editorials in Oil & Gas Inquirer Magazine. Throughout 2005, PSAC was featured in a special editorial on the back page of every issue of Oil & Gas Inquirer, the partner publication to Oilweek. The one-page editorials covered issues of importance to PSAC members, including the NIMBY syndrome, communications in the patch, investment in innovation, load levelling, and site safety.

Special Events. PSAC hosted three topical human resources in 2005, including "Sourcing and Processing Foreign Workers", "Developing Employee Contracts" and "Contracts for Contractors". In addition, PSAC hosted the popular Peace Region Petroleum Show Opening Banquet in Grande Prairie in May and the Barnstorming Breakfast at the Saskatchewan Oil and Gas Show in Weyburn in June.

Education Fund Scholarships & Grants. The PSAC Education Fund awarded five Regular Member scholarships and five school grants in 2005, each worth \$1,000.

Silver Anniversary Launch. In October 2005, PSAC began celebrating its 25th anniversary year with a new logo, calendar, multimedia and other promotional materials.