

# AMOS



## Alberta Mechanical Officials Society

### Special points of interest:

- > *inaugural meeting of the national plumbing inspectors association*
- > *Happy Birthday AMOS!*
- > *Evaluating Alternate Solutions*
- > *AMOS Presidents 1998-2008*

## Presidents Message



Wow! It seems like we just finished the spring conference and now the fall conference is almost here. Hopefully, everyone had a chance to enjoy their summer and the little bit of summer-like weather that we had. I managed to enjoy a week in Kimberley pretending I actually know how to play golf. It was a great place to just sit back and relax. The only downside is that we were in Kimberley while the world championship accordion competitions were going on....not that there is anything wrong with that! J.

On a more somber note, I was deeply saddened to learn of the untimely passing of one of our own. Brad Ball was taken from us in July. He was one of those people who always seemed to have a smile on his face and be full of energy. My heart goes out to his widow and two young daughters as they try to rebuild their lives after this tragic event. Another reminder of how unpredictable life can be. He will be

missed.

As we get through September we enter fall, the season of change. This could not be more fitting as we look at some of the things that are up and coming for our group. We had the inaugural meeting of the national plumbing inspectors association. This will be the start of an exciting new chapter for our organization and the whole plumbing field at a national level. Look for many new things to come down the pipe!

We also have several changes on the executive as we have our annual fall elections at the conference. We have several people who are moving off the executive and some great new candidates who are seeking election to become part of the leadership for AMOS. I look forward to working with these new faces who will bring their new ideas and energy to the group.

For the members of our executive team that are moving on, Wayne, Doug, and Lyle, I would like to thank each of you for the wonderful job that you have done. It is through your tireless dedication

and efforts that AMOS remains a strong organization. Through your insights and ideas, you have helped to keep this association moving forward. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with each of you on this team. We all thank you for your willingness and devotion.

I look forward to another great conference. There is yet another opportunity to attend more training on the Friday as we continue to get up to speed with the new objective based codes. There is another great line up of speakers, the elections, and the always popular wine and cheese where we will find our next recipient (read victim) for the red-eye award. And who knows, with it being so close to hallow's eve, there may be a ghost or goblin too!

See you there!



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*The inaugural Alberta Mechanical Officials Society meeting was held at the Bowness Hotel in Calgary on November 19, 1968.*

Originally named the Alberta Association of Plumbing, Gas and Heating Inspectors, the name was officially changed to Alberta Mechanical Officials Society January 30, 1974.

Those founding members set the tone of the Society by establishing and promoting professional and uniform safety services. Those members realized that the mechanical systems industry was technologically evolving and inspectors of the day needed to continuously improve their knowledge to maintain a high level of safety services for the public.

Sound familiar?

Think of the appliances, materials and fixtures we encounter today. And how the codes and regulations are constantly changing. AMOS as

an organization is more relevant today that it possibly ever was.

Those that took the opportunity to take in the World Plumbing Conference in Calgary last week perhaps are more knowledgeable to speak on this issue. Perhaps at this falls conference.

If you are active in the industry AMOS can help you achieve your educational needs.

My first encounter with AMOS was 10 years ago when Lyle Brown suggested I get involved with AMOS and perhaps take on a roll that involved a bit of work.

Lyle said it would look good on a resume.

I really wasn't sure what he meant by that last part, and since I was fairly new to the Inspection business I was thinking maybe I could keep my job and perhaps someday get my own area.

My first duties for AMOS taught

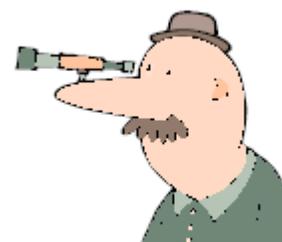
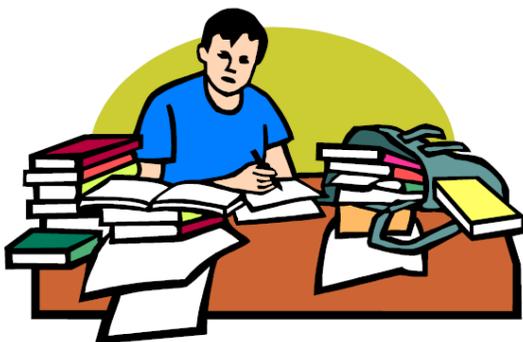
me the names of the members of which required at some point in time matching the faces to the names.

It didn't take long for me to realize AMOS is about the membership and that the association cannot continue to exist without the membership.

A new AMOS chapter and decade is about to begin as this fall's Annual General Meeting will hold elections for a new executive. The executive will be responsible for developing strategies to maintain those objectives as established in 1968 by our predecessors.

The administration's hardest task will be in developing a common vision and path for the next decade as AMOS explores the possibility of association with mechanical officials across the nation.

**Happy Birthday AMOS!**





**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY**

**PLUMBING GROUP A**

**EVALUATING ALTERNATE SOLUTIONS**

AMOS will be sponsoring a workshop in Red Deer at the Municipal Affairs Office Room 206 on *Evaluating Alternate Solutions*. This is a continuation of the understanding of Object Based Codes and will be mandatory for all Safety Codes Officers in Plumbing, Building, and Fire disciplines.

Registration will be through the Safety Codes Council and their advertised fee will be paid directly to them.

AMOS will accept registration from members in good standing on a first to register with the Council basis and will require an additional payment of \$50.00 to be collected at the workshop. People that are not members in good standing or non-members will be considered depending on class sizes.

If registrations exceed predetermined class sizes, these people will have first choice on a workshop delivery at our Spring Conference in April.

If you have any questions contact:  
the Safety Codes Council at 1-888-413-0099 or Richard Burk at 403-239-7824.



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## AMOS Presidents 1998-2008



**Darrel Hilman**  
1998-2000



**Richard Burk**  
2000-2002



**Perry Wager**  
2002-2004



**Reg Adair**  
2004-2006



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2006-2008



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**AMOS Fall Conference will be held on:  
Friday October 24 and Saturday October 25, 2008**

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