



## **Executive Director's Report**

# President's Annual Message

## **Wishing A Successful 2019 For All**

2018 ended up being a busy year for our association and for our members. It was also a busy year in the provincial government, with a new government being elected and an active fall session.

### **What happened in 2018?**

- Voluntary MOL employer health and safety accreditation did not occur
- There were increased fines and stricter enforcement by the MOL
- The first set of regulations were implemented for the Construction Lien Amendment Act and took effect July 1, 2018 (Liens)
- A new provincial government was elected on June 7<sup>th</sup> with the PC's forming a majority
- Bill 148 was implemented by the Liberals and a majority of the legislation revoked by the Conservatives under Bill 47 in the fall, including the dismantlement of OCoT
- Legalization of recreational use of Marijuana came into effect on July 1
- Bill 66 was introduced by the Conservatives in December, proposing open tendering legislation on all publicly funded construction contracts
- Preliminary meetings started in the fall for provincial bargaining forthcoming in 2019

### **What will be happening in 2019?**

- Provincial bargaining, with agreements expiring April 30/19
- Debate on Bill 66 is expected in late February when the House resumes
- Voluntary MOL employer health and safety accreditation will happen this year (expected by spring)
- The future state of Ontario's skilled trades and apprenticeship system will be reviewed
- Prompt Payment and adjudication legislation is still expected Oct 1/19
- Training will be required for prompt payment
- The new WSIB Rate Framework will be implemented at the end of the year (effective Jan 1/20)

2019 too will be a busy year. I would like to thank the Board of Directors and all members for their continued support. I would also like to thank Paul Gunning for his hard work throughout the year and for keeping AAO as a leading force in our industry.

I hope that everyone met with great success in 2018 and that success extends into a prosperous 2019 for you all.

Bob Grassing, AAO President

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# Upcoming Events



JANUARY 2019

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## **PROMPT PAYMENT ONTARIO MEETING**

January 29, 2019

(Bob Grassing, Paul Gunning attending)

**AWCI Annual Convention and INTEX EXPO April 22 – 26, 2019 National Harbour, Maryland**

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## **JANUARY 2019**



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### **UPCOMING Mathews Dinsdale Seminars/Webinars**

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<http://www.mathewsdinsdale.com> (see right side)

### **WEBINAR – You’ve Had a Workplace Accident! Managing the OHS Risk – Coast to Coast**

Thursday January 24, 2019

10 am to Noon

If you have any questions, please call me at 519-671-5930.

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Executive Director