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CIQS members were celebrated for their meritorious and long-standing service to the Institute at the CIQS Chair's Dinner on June 18, 2022.

## CONGRESS 2022

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**Markham, ON, June 30, 2022** – That's a wrap! The 2022 CIQS Congress has come and gone, but the memories will last forever.

This was the first in-person Congress that the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors has hosted since 2019 and it was wonderful to see so many members and industry professionals gather over the course of three days at The Westin Ottawa. This year's event was one of the largest in over a decade and there was a sense of excitement for everyone to get out of Zoom and catch up with each other face to face.

The event began with a Welcome Reception that featured majestic views of the Parliament Buildings, delectable hors d'oeuvres, delicious drinks, and captivating conversations at TwentyTwo, one of Ottawa's most desirable venues at the top of The Westin hotel. The recipients of the David Lai Young Quantity Surveyor Bursary Program had a chance to get to know another at the Meet & Greet that same evening.

This year's event focused on professional development and as such, delegates were offered two full days of educational sessions. CIQS was pleased to present the following speakers at Congress 2022:

Huw Williams, president, IMPACT Public Affairs	Michael Zegarelli, director, BTY Group
Dominic Leadsom, director, Turner & Townsend	Jamie McMillan, founder/spokesperson, KickAss Careers
Gordon Bourque, business development director – P3 sustainable infrastructure, Johnson Controls	Nathalie Ethier, director, Gatineau 2 Project, Real Property Branch Library and Archives Canada, Government of Canada
Diane Lee, director, technical services & building performance, Ellis Don Facilities Services	John Dowse, senior managing director, Ankura
Casey Ryan, senior cost consultant, Turner & Townsend	Antoine Aurelis, practice lead, Arbitech Inc.
Seán Hollywood, director, CCI, a Rimkus Company	Sahil Shoor, partner, Gowling WLG
Niamh Ni Chroinin, director, CCI, a Rimkus Company	Ali Fard, partner, HKA Global Inc.
Jason Annibale, national co-chair partner, McMillan	Amit Sharma, associate director, Turner & Townsend

Joshua Strub, partner, Margie Strub Construction Law	Amr El-Sadek, construction engineer, Turner & Townsend
Angela Lai, managing partner, Core Two	



*Huw Williams, president of IMPACT Public Affairs shares insights into government relations and today's political climate*

The educational sessions kicked off with a presentation on Government Relations by Huw Williams from IMPACT Public Affairs. He shared with the group his insights on the political climate in Canada and CIQS's advocacy campaigns. The rest of the Congress agenda offered a vast range of topics, such as prompt payment, risk management, MEP pre-fabrication initiatives, P3 projects and dispute resolution.



*Panel discussion on alternative finance and P3 projects in Canada by Sean Hollywood, Niamh Ni Chroinin, Jason Annibale, and Joshua Strub*

On Saturday morning, Carl Pederson introduced Jamie McMillan, the keynote speaker, who shared an inspirational presentation about how she climbed the proverbial mountain of life to attain her goals and get to where she is today, an iron worker, role model and advocate for the next generation of skilled trade professionals.



*Keynote speaker, Jamie McMillan, iron worker and co-founder of KickAss Careers, speaks of the importance of promoting skilled trades to youth*

To give all members with voting rights the opportunity to make their voice heard, this year the Annual General Meeting and Year in Review was offered as a hybrid meeting. Members voted online with GetQuorum and those who attended remotely were able to participate in the discussion via Zoom. 599 members registered to participate in the vote, of which 400 submitted proxies, which makes this the largest AGM since the inception of CIQS.

Sheila Lennon, CIQS chief executive officer, thanked Erin Brownlow for her leadership and personal mentorship during her tenure as CIQS chair. The incoming chair, Arif Ghaffur, took a few minutes to address the group and he also thanked Erin for everything she has achieved during her time as chair.



*Members vote electronically on their mobile devices, computers, or tablets at the 2022 AGM.*

*Arif Ghaffur is accompanied on stage by Sheila Lennon, Erin Brownlow, Tammy Stockley and Adam Ding during his first speech as the incoming CIQS chair.*



After two intense days of professional development, members gathered for a fun evening of awards and networking during the annual Chair's Dinner. Sheila Lennon announced the winners of this year's exam awards, fellowship and honorary life.

Congratulations to the winners of all awards, including the Honorary Life and Professional Quantity Surveyor Fellow Awards.

### **Honorary Life**

Harland Lindsay, PQS(F), Ian Duncan, PQS(F) and David Lai, PQS(F) were all awarded Honorary Life over the last few years. As this is the first time members gathered in person since 2020, they were all celebrated during the award ceremony. David Lai accepted the late Ian Duncan's award on behalf of his widow who was unable to attend.

### **Professional Quantity Surveyor (Fellow)**

Fellowship is bestowed on PQS and CEC members who have served CIQS in a meritorious way. The following members were presented with this prestigious award:

Erin Brownlow, PQS(F) | Jerry Crawford, PQS(F) | Lloyd Hussey, PQS(F) | Tammy Stockley, PQS(F)

Following the awards ceremony, guests were invited to try their luck at the casino tables and create mementos at the photo booth. Thank you to everyone who supported this year's Congress, either by attending, presenting, or sponsoring. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



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**About the Canadian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (CIQS)**

CIQS was founded in 1959 and is the voice for Canada's construction economists. It is a self-regulatory, professional body and the gatekeeper of the ethics and standards of construction and infrastructure economics in Canada. It currently represents over 2,000 national and industry professionals and works on their behalf to promote the profession to the construction industry, its allied professions and government officials. The Institute has developed reciprocal agreements with a variety of industry organizations on the domestic and international stage.

CIQS owns and managed two professional designations, Professional Quantity Surveyor (PQS) and Construction Estimator Certified (CEC), which can only be used by qualified, certified members of the Institute.

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