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## RCI Ontario Chapter Annual General Meeting

RCI Ontario Chapter held their annual general meeting on **Friday February 6, 2015** at the Brampton Golf Club. With 50 members in attendance, Allan Bigelow, President, chaired the meeting.

The financial reports for 2014 were presented by Don Marks. The following 2014 Committee reports were presented and discussed:

- Region VII Director's Report presented by Edward (Ted) Sheridan
- Communications report presented by Allan Bigelow (On behalf of Carlos Henriquez)
- Education report presented by Allan Bigelow (On behalf of Greg Wallace)
- Membership report presented by David McMillan
- Social report presented by Peter Saunders
- National Capital Branch report presented by Allan Bigelow (On behalf of Robert Venasse)
- Maritime Branch report presented by Gary Hamilton
- Strategic Plan presented by Derrick Moore

The President extended thanks to the 2014 Board for their volunteer time and support. RCI Ontario Chapter staff Betty Quan and Michael Samuels were also thanked for their hard work in 2014.

The Ontario Chapter elected the following members to serve on the 2015 Board of Directors:

President	Katharine Spavins
Vice-President	Bryan Fishburn
Treasurer/ Secretary	Don Marks
Communications Director	Denis Theriault
Education Director	Jennifer Hogan
Membership Director	David McMillan
Social Director	Kathiravel Karunanathan
Industry Director	Peter Serino
Maritime Branch Director	Gary Hamilton
National Capital Branch	Robert Venasse
Past President	Allan J. Bigelow
Region VII Director	Edward A. (Ted) Sheridan

**Awards:**

Director Appreciation Awards were awarded out to both Peter Saunders (2012-2014) and Greg Wallace (2013-2014) for their chapter related efforts.

The Outstanding Volunteer Award was awarded to Don Marks (2014) for his commitment to this chapter.

The President Recognition Award was awarded to Allan Bigelow for his leadership in 2014.



Allan Bigelow is being presented with the President Recognition Award by the newly elected President Katharine Spavins



Following the meeting, 3 guest speakers took the floor. The first speaker was Sidney I. Hankins III, President of RCI Inc. He discussed the importance of RCI's "Code of Ethics" and its role within social media.

**Sidney I. Hankins III**



Sidney I. Hankins III is being presented a gift by the newly elected Ontario Chapter President Katharine Spavins



Jean-Guy Levaque is being presented a gift by the newly elected Ontario Chapter President Katharine Spavins

The second speaker was Jean-Guy Levaque, First Vice President of RCI Inc. He discussed how and when RCI's "Member's Self-Advocacy Kit for promoting open specifications" should be used against cooperative procurement.



**Jean-Guy Levaque**



And lastly, Catherine E. Wilson from Goldman Sloan Nash & Haber LLP discussed the language of warranties and other obligations as it pertains to our industry.

**Catherine E. Wilson**



Catherine E. Wilson is being presented a gift by the newly elected Ontario Chapter President Katharine Spavins

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## Upcoming Events:

- The Social Committee is holding an evening **“Billiards & Pub”** event at Spacco Restaurant on February 19, 2015. Come join us for an evening of fun.
- The Education Committee is holding an upcoming **“Rooftop Quality Assurance Course”** at the TCA in Richmond Hill on April 8-9, 2015.

Visit the RCI Ontario Chapter website [www.rci-onchapterinc.ca](http://www.rci-onchapterinc.ca) for details on all upcoming events.

