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We are pleased to send our new monthly newsletter for members, to keep you updated on CKCA activities and events.

### **NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**President:** C. Castrucci,  
Laurysen Kitchens

**Vice President:** B. Dewinetz,  
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**Past President:** M. Beckermann  
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Peter Feindel; Taurus Craco  
Woodworking

Gary Schwabe; Formica Canada Inc.

Don Fedora; Superior Cabinets

Rick Hurst; Richelieu Hardware Ltd.

Kerry Knudsen; Wood Industry  
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Jake Wolters; Nu-Way Kitchens

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### **CKCA CERTIFICATION LAUNCHED**

#### ***A New Standard Made in Canada***

CKCA is introducing a new benchmark for the Canadian kitchen and vanity cabinet industry, developed as a home-grown solution to the problem of differentiating the proven quality of Canadian-made cabinets from the confusion of imports.

Filling an industry need, the new Construction and Material Testing Standard for Kitchen Cabinets and Vanities will set a recognized national standard for cabinet makers across the country. By adopting the new certification CKCA members will have access to a new and effective marketing tool to boost consumer confidence and purchasing convenience.

The CKCA certification testing program is available to active manufacturer members of the association. The new certification program is based on an industry-approved standard – the Construction and Material Standards for kitchen Cabinet and Vanities, 2009. Developed by a technical committee of key stakeholders within the Canadian Kitchen industry, the standard is a result of the collective work of manufacturers, suppliers, housing authorities, environmental agencies, consultants and other experts in the field.

#### ***Program objectives:***

To offer manufacturers the opportunity to test and certify the products they sell; to be responsive to today's Canadian kitchen manufacturers and to establish a

certification that is recognized by architects, designers, retailers and regulatory authorities across Canada.

The relevant documents, including the standard and the administrative guidelines (includes application form), will be posted on a new **Certification** section of the [www.ckca.ca](http://www.ckca.ca) website next week. All firms that submit their application to the CKCA office by June 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for a 15% discount on their fees. If you plan to get certified, fax in your application today!

### **PHOENIX NATIONAL FORUM**

Among the highlights: David Von Behren, Trade Commissioner, Canadian Consulate, Tucson, AZ gave an address on the Arizona Building Market. It includes a number of relevant websites for those considering this market. His presentation is posted now at [www.ckca.ca](http://www.ckca.ca).

The CKCA's prestigious Kitchen Door Award was presented to Harvey Short, Nu-Way Kitchens and to Mario Furtado, Marana Kitchens, who also received the 4<sup>th</sup> annual CKCA Membership Recruitment Award. (see photo).

*See some photos at [CKCA.ca](http://CKCA.ca) Share your photos with us!*

### **BENCHMARKING**

Several years ago, the CKCA undertook a variety of statistical benchmarking surveys, on such topics as wages and benefits, styling trends and pricing.

A committee is now working on updating the survey questionnaires, so we can provide benchmark information to those who participate.

### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

CKCA Regional Meeting, June 9, 2009  
Vancouver, BC

CKCA National Forum, January 2010  
Toronto, ON

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

#### **2008**

Arya Kitchens  
Bello Kitchens Inc  
Boucher Ltd  
Commonwealth Plywood  
Cyprus Contracting Inc  
Dream kitchens  
Innovative Mfg. Inc  
Pilot Plumbing Product Inc  
Rosedale Kitchens Inc  
Talon Millwork

#### **2009**

Classic Woodcraft Ltd  
Cutler Forest Products  
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### **KITCHEN CABINET REVIEW**

Industry Canada has published the "Kitchen Cabinet Review – 2007", January 2009, as well as a comparison of 2008/2007 for January to October. Email [info@ckca.ca](mailto:info@ckca.ca) We will post the link on the website once it is received.

