

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A model partnership: With the PMAC Annual General Meeting coming up June 3 in Quebec City, I wanted to take the opportunity in this space to reflect on the history, structure and governance of our organization. While this subject may not be top-of-mind for most members, it is key to the effective functioning of your professional association and, ultimately, the value that you receive.

Dictionary.com defines a partnership as a relationship between groups “that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility...for the achievement of a specified goal.” This captures well the nature of PMAC.

PMAC is a partnership of the National association and 10 Provincial and Territorial Institutes. The National association works closely with the Institutes to realize the shared vision of PMAC being the recognized leader in the development and advancement of world-class strategic supply chain management. As partners, the Institutes and the National association are accountable to their members and to each other. Each partner has unique roles and responsibilities in meeting our mutual objectives.

At the National level, a common vision and mission for the partnership is set. Education program content is developed and continuously updated, and uniform standards for the granting of the professional designation are maintained, as is a Professional Code of Ethics. National advocacy and promotion of the profession are undertaken, and products and services that contribute value to all members are made available. Relationships with national and international bodies are also cultivated.

Institutes are the delivery arm of the partnership, offering our education and accreditation programs, and granting our professional designation. They are responsible for managing supply and demand, and for relationships with key stakeholders, within their respective provinces and territories. Institutes may also have districts, branches and chapters that focus on events and networking at a local level. When members join a Provincial or Territorial Institute, they automatically become a member of the National association.

Key to PMAC’s future success will be our ability to effectively govern and manage ourselves as a multi-tiered organization. One of our strategic priorities remains to operate our association more like a business. We want to cultivate a business culture within our organization so we can better support members in fulfilling their roles, confront competitive challenges and respond to expansion opportunities in our field of practice.

While it’s true that a strong organization is greater than the sum of its parts, the association is enhanced by the capacity and capability of its partners. Each contributes to the creation, management and implementation of our change agenda. The focus and commitment of all partners is especially critical as we forge ahead with designation change and rebranding our profession.

Robust, viable partnerships don't just happen. They need to be properly developed and well maintained. PMAC will continue to develop the association into a model organization of partners aligned behind a single purpose. While respecting specified rights and responsibilities, we will proceed in a collaborative manner to attain greater recognition and reward for our profession.

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Yours truly,

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