

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **Let's celebrate exceptional supply chain achievement!**

Each year, the best actors are recognized with Oscar awards. Similarly, exceptional NHL hockey players are presented with trophies for excellence in areas that range from sportsmanship to offensive prowess. It is in this spirit of celebrating extraordinary achievement that PMAC is introducing two new Awards of Distinction that highlight leadership and innovation in supply chain management.

- Outstanding Achievement Award – to be presented annually to an individual PMAC member who is a proven innovator and leader in supply chain management.
- Supply Chain Excellence Award – to be presented annually to an organization that has used innovative strategic supply chain management to enhance its competitive advantage.

With the growing importance of supply chain management to the bottom line, we felt that an expanded awards roster will expose the profession to new ideas and best practices. As well, the awards will showcase to the business community the value that supply chain management brings to all enterprises.

It is always a challenge to add more "to do's" to our list, but it is imperative to acknowledge the experts in our field. So I encourage you to take the time to consider your colleagues, your peers – or even your own organization. If you know someone who deserves to be recognized, submit a nomination. The deadline is **December 31, 2009**. The winners will be honoured during the Board Chair Gala at the 2010 PMAC National Conference in Regina.

PMAC has a long tradition of celebrating excellence in the field through our prestigious "Fellow of the Purchasing Management Association of Canada" or FPMAC Award. The Fellow Award is the highest honour bestowed by the association. It recognizes years of outstanding professional work, contribution to PMAC and service to the community.

Our awards are highly coveted because they are rare. Not many have received our Fellow Award over the past 60 years. Since it was first presented to Quebec's John Eaton in 1948, only 90 leaders have earned the honour of placing the letters "FPMAC" after their names.

Recognition is a formal sign of profession leadership and an opportunity to take your career to the next level. It represents a benchmark or goal in your personal and professional development. PMAC Awards of Distinction will be the gold standard for achievement in supply chain management and receiving one should be the goal of every professional in the field.

While only a select few will be formally recognized for their accomplishments, we will all enhance our field of practice by considering these wise words from Abraham Lincoln, "Don't worry when you are not recognized, but strive to be worthy of recognition."

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