



Noia CEO Charlene Johnson

After seeking feedback from our members, we have made some changes to Noia News to enhance member value and ensure it meets their expectations. I am excited to welcome you to the first edition of Noia News which incorporates these changes.

The most significant change made to Noia News is the publication schedule. The magazine will now be published three times per year which allows us to focus our content and distribute around important events in the Noia calendar such as conference and Fall Seminar. You can still expect exceptional articles about the offshore oil & gas industry and our content will be more relevant with this schedule change.

As part of our continuing approach to provide relevant articles, this issue of Noia News begins a new series for the magazine: Industry 101. The purpose of this recurring article is to provide an in-depth look at various aspects of our industry in a format all members, and indeed the general public, can understand. Often industry concepts well understood by many of us may seem complex to others, including the public and those new to the industry. Industry 101 is our attempt to shine a spotlight on important topics and ensure the reader gets a better understanding of the issue.

Our first Industry 101 article focuses on the Atlantic Accord. The Atlantic Accord is a foundational document for our industry and we felt another look at the legislation was timely. The article includes some of the most important sections of the legislation and a conversation with former premier Brian Peckford who was instrumental in achieving the Accord and the benefits it has brought to our industry. Mr. Peckford offers a behind the scenes look at the Accord negotiations.

While guest submissions have always been welcomed for Noia News, we provide greater detail in this edition about what is required for articles. We encourage Noia members to submit articles about their organization or the industry in general. There is positive and interesting news occurring in our industry and this is an opportunity for our members to share those stories with Noia News readers.

So far 2019 has been off to an exceptional start. We were so pleased to recognize Lee Shinkle with the Outstanding

Contribution Award and Kristopher Drodge with the Rising Star Award at our Industry Achievement Award luncheon in February. Harry Pride was also recognized at the luncheon as the inaugural Noia Honourary Member and we acknowledged 30-year members Household Movers and Shippers and RBC, along with David Furey of O'Donel High in Mount Pearl who was the recipient of the PIHRC *Inspiring Young Minds - Oil & Gas Educators Award*.

That same day we welcomed several new members into different roles with the Board of Directors as Mark Collett assumed the role of chair, while Karen Winsor became vice chair and James Parmiter took over the duties of treasurer. Three new individuals joined the Board as Directors and I welcome Paul Broders, Beverley Evans and Gerry Mayo. I look forward to working with them and I thank everyone who put themselves forward to serve on the Board of Directors.

A few weeks later we continued our industry awareness efforts by collaborating with the Newfoundland Growlers and St. John's Edge to promote our industry at two games in March. Thank you to the thousands of Noia members and industry supporters that participated and helped us raise awareness about the importance of our offshore. In an industry that so often takes us away from our families, the games were a great opportunity to have a family fun Noia event.

We will be hosting exclusive Noia member sessions at OTC in May with further information available soon. We are also hard at work on the 2019 Oil & Gas Conference taking place June 17-20. More details on the new conference offerings are available on page 26 of Noia News.

I look forward to another exciting year for our industry and please enjoy our new Noia News.

Sincerely,

Charlene Johnson