**NEW CHIEF INSPECTOR AND ADMINISTRATOR M ICHAEL P OEHLMANN, P.L. (E NG.)**

The Administrator and Chief Inspector roles are important in the delivery of pressure equipment safety programs in Alberta. Effective September 16th, 2014, Mr. Mike Poehlmann, ABSA’s Technical Director will become ABSA’s Chief inspector and the Administrator of pressure equipment for the Province of Alberta as appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs pursuant to section 14 of the Safety Codes Act.

Mr. Poehlmann is a First Class Power Engineer with 38 years’ experience operating, maintaining and inspecting pressure equipment. 23 years of this time have been involved with jurisdictional pressure equipment safety program delivery.

Mike began his career working with pressure equipment at the grassroots in 1976 as a welder’s helper.

in the pipe trades union. He worked as a Chief Power Engineer and as an inspector for two other Canadian jurisdictions before joining ABSA in 1996. He initially worked as a shop inspector, followed by other inspection and auditing assignments, before progressing into management roles with ABSA starting in 2001.

Mike’s certifications include: Alberta 1st Class Power Engineer's Certificate, Professional Licensee (Engineering) – APEGGA Member, Registered Engineering Technologist – ASET Member, National Board Commission, "A" and "B" Endorsements, and Alberta Safety Codes Officer – Boilers Discipline.

In 2001, Mike became ABSA’s Manager, Education and Certification, responsible for the management of ABSA’s education and training programs, workforce certification programs and technical guidelines and standards.

In 2003, he moved to the position of Manager of Inspections with responsibilities including province-wide management of ABSA’s quality system certification program, new construction inspection program and in-service equipment program.

Since January 2014, Mike has been ABSA’s Technical Director. The purpose of this position is to provide leadership to ABSA’s technical program delivery. All of ABSA’s technical program managers - Design Survey Manager, the Manager of Inspections, the Education and Certification Manager and a group of senior technical specialists are accountable to the Technical Director.

Both ABSA and Municipal Affairs are pleased that Mike has accepted the new responsibilities of Chief Inspector and Administrator.