

Aspire. Succeed.

Last year, ACMO introduced a new awards procedure. Building on that strong foundation, ACMO's Awards Committee led by ACMO Director Catherine Murdock, RCM expanded on that hard work. Requests for nominations were sent out over the summer months. Working again with the separate and impartial Awards Selection Committee - comprised of lawyers, engineers and accountants and chaired by an ACMO Life member - all submissions were carefully reviewed and decisions made.

"The mandate of the Awards Committee is to annually solicit nominations and submissions for all of our awards categories and to provide for a confidential and objective judging process," said Catherine Murdock, RCM and Awards Committee chair. "Each year we hope to improve on the previous year, so we hope the presentations this year meet with members' approval."

"The ACMO awards set the bar for each of us to aspire to."
John Oakes, chair Awards Selection Committee

On October 28, ACMO presented its annual awards recognizing individual members for their commitment to the condominium management industry in Ontario. The six individual awards, including two new awards introduced last year, recognized deserving individuals within ACMO who have gone above and beyond as managers, and as professionals serving the condominium industry.

ACMO is celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2017. Since 1977, ACMO has developed the most advanced and detailed educational platform for training condominium managers in the country. The resulting Registered Condominium Manager (RCM) designation is now widely recognized as the accepted standard for professional managers. An Advanced Designation Committee is exploring a higher level designation for experienced RCMs and more information about this will follow.

With the record-setting boom in condominium development across the province, ACMO is aware of our role in cultivating success in the growing number of people choosing professional condominium management as a career.

ACMO members and condominium boards of directors have the opportunity to nominate deserving individuals in all award categories. Members will be notified when the nomination process for 2017 begins.



➤ **Genesis Award**

Awarded to an individual who is new to our profession and in that individual's short history has shown exemplary service, extraordinary effort or innovation. The committee received many nominations for this award and decided to recognize four finalists before presenting a winner. The finalists are: Nicholas Chirametli, Latoya Ferguson, Adam Rapp and Stefanie Storto.

Nicholas Chirametli

Three years ago Nicholas was hired by City Sites Management straight out of university as an intern and six weeks later was appointed manager of a 162-unit condo and excelled. Not long after he was moved to a building downtown and in his first week received a requisition to remove the board and stop a special assessment for a \$4 million window replacement. Nicholas moved again and shortly after his arrival the house next to the two condos he was managing exploded causing more than \$2 million damage to his buildings. In the days that followed, he rarely left the site, was in constant communication with residents, insurance adjusters, engineers, contractors and the boards. His supervisor Harold Cipin states "Nicholas maintains a sense of calm, stay the course and leadership in a disaster setting. No panic, no days off, no complaints and no short fuse."

Genesis Award
Nicholas Chirametli, RCM



➤ **Special Recognition Award**

Awarded to recognize an individual for special achievement and/or services that have positively impacted the condominium community.

Murray Johnson, RCM

Murray has been involved in residential housing since 1994 and condominiums since 1998. He is vice-president of client service development at Brookfield. Murray's real passion is energy conservation and through his early involvement with the City of Toronto's Better Building Partnership, received a Certificate of Achievement as leader in Conservation Efforts in the Multi-Residential Sector in 2011. He was named one of four national champions in energy conservation by *Sustainability magazine* in 2012. He successfully submitted an application to the Ontario Power Authority to have an embedded energy manager assigned to Brookfield. This step has resulted in millions of dollars in energy savings for its clients. Ultimately, Murray was successful in meeting with Ministry of Energy staff and making representations that reduced the debt retirement charge on residential hydro bills. He was successful in raising the qualifying cap that would save condominium owners in the province anywhere from \$24 to \$28 million in one year with savings continuing into the future.

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