



Presented by Nancy Irvine, President, CAM

The Distinguished Service Award recognizes a prominent member of the profession who has made a significant contribution to the moving industry and had dedicated service to the Canadian Association of Movers.

[nominated by Nancy Irvine and Marian McGuire, CAM]

It's my pleasure to present CAM's Distinguished Service Award to David Ogilvy, formerly with Ogilvy Insurance, now with NFP Canada.

In December 2007, David signed on for the first of a two-year term as a director on CAM's board of directors. 16 years later, he's still sitting around the table and popping up on screen in zoom calls.

David has held executive positions on the CAM board since 2012. After 11 years on the executive, David has put away his signing pen and retired earlier today from our trade association.

We can't even begin to list all of the things that David has done for CAM, but we can highlight a few recent ones.

In 2013, David was involved in crafting CAM's bylaws, which have stood the test of time as well as immense circumstances, most recently being the pandemic.

As Treasurer in 2018, David spearheaded a major sponsorship package redevelopment, which increased financial support for CAM exponentially. Also at that time, as Treasurer, David worked closely with the office as we developed budgets and improved fiscal reporting systems. These have made CAM more fully accountable to the Board and the general membership. Financial accountability was something that was missing that I felt was critical to institute upon my arrival six years ago.

Much of David's support and guidance would never be noticed by the general membership, although it's greatly appreciated in the 2 gals in office. The calls for advice or opinions, the assistance with writing or reviewing important correspondence, and his calm presence in the midst of heated situations, are all part of what David has done to support us. He was never more than a phone call away. Anytime.

His sage advice was particularly critical to CAM during the first year of the pandemic as we were navigating ourselves through unknown territory. It was critical as a not-for-profit organization that we didn't contravene any of the requirements needed for running our trade association.

With David's work on the by-laws and our work together on the finances, were very fortunate to find ourselves in decent shape and making it through those first two years without too much tinkering.

Of course, David's public support of CAM has been amazing, especially his legendary "Ogilvy Night" that in the last two years has morphed into the "NFP Night" at our annual conference, where his company picks up the tab for movers, suppliers and guests - something CAM could only dream of doing.

Quite simply, as CAM ebbs and flows through the good and the not so good, David has been there to help rudder the ship.

David was my first golf partner, the first person to test out my tolerance for teasing and sarcasm (especially when it was me who lost the Victory Ball), and the first one to roll up his sleeves and give Marian and I a hand when I came in and CAM stopped the revolving door of 4 Presidents in two years.

While Marian and I are so sad to see him step down from CAM's Board of Directors after sixteen years, we can't think of anyone more deserving of the CAM Distinguished Service Award that recognizes his leadership of our trade association.