

Last Word



Decade Four: Recognition 2008–2017

We are featuring each of ACMO's four decades in *CM Magazine* this year. Here are highlights from Decade Four:

ACMO's professional development committee continued to bring new and innovative options to RCMs. After a successful launch of the Continuing Education Credit Program in January 2007, RCMs continued to earn CE points by attending luncheons, the annual conference and other programs that included related industry events such as PM Expo. The program demonstrates a condominium manager's commitment to ongoing professional education.

After ACMO officially launched its online presence with a website in 2000, by 2009 it was time for a revamp that added many new interactive features. By 2011, ACMO's board realized the need to have a social media presence and soon ACMO could be followed on popular sites like Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn.

By 2012, ACMO was actively advancing its long-held belief that changes were needed to the *Condominium Act, 1998*. ACMO partnered with CCI-Toronto, and the two associations launched an offensive that included town halls, legislative briefs and meetings with the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services. The Ontario government was listening and recognized that condominium communities (owners, managers, management companies, other professionals) had an important voice.

The hard work and dedication of all volunteers and staff since the Association was founded in 1977 have energized members and partners throughout its 40-year history. Thank you to all who have helped create ACMO's story.

Highlights of ACMO's fourth decade:

2008

- ACMO hires full-time Director of Education

- First year for Compliance Audits for ACMO 2000 certified companies

- Quarterly Report moves from print to online 2009

- ACMO's website gets a revamp that launches in May 2011

- ACMO launched a social media presence with LinkedIn, Twitter and Facebook accounts

- A joint ACMO/CCI-Toronto Legislative Committee presents a Legislative Brief with suggestions for changes to the *Condominium Act, 1998*

2012

- Ministry of Consumer Services looks into changes to the Condo Act and holds an Advocacy Day. September 2012 public consultations begin.

2015

- ACMO moves its luncheon programs to the Toronto Congress Centre to accommodate larger crowds

- Minister David Oraziotti announces increased protections for condo owners in the form of proposed new legislation. ACMO launches a video series to explain five areas of interest in Bill 106, the proposed *Protecting Condominium Owners Act*

2017

- ACMO surpasses 1000 RCMs

- Regulations for the *Condominium Management Services Act* are released

- ACMO education courses are named as a requirement for licensing

- Licensing for condo managers and management companies took effect on November 1