

ACMO Tech Topic Ideas

Short, practical presentations for condominium managers

Looking for a topic to share with ACMO Tech?

Here are some focused, manager-friendly ideas designed for short, high-impact presentations. Each topic is meant to be practical, easy to follow, and useful in day-to-day condo management. **Think “5/5 rule”: 5 slides/5-minute video**

Building Maintenance & Operations

Practical topics that support day-to-day building performance and planning.

- Key differences in maintaining high rise vs. low rise buildings
 - Recognizing early signs of common mechanical issues
 - What boards should know before starting elevator modernization
 - HVAC basics every condo manager should understand
 - Practical garage ventilation and safety checks
 - Managing service contracts and setting clear expectations
 - Seasonal maintenance planning and key priorities
 - Energy efficiency improvements and how to evaluate ROI
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Landscaping & Grounds

Balancing appearance, cost, and long-term sustainability.

- Building a realistic landscaping budget that lasts
- Choosing low maintenance and native plants for condos
- Tree care, risk management, and liability basics
- Seasonal landscaping strategies for changing conditions
- Irrigation systems and simple ways to reduce water use
- Finding the right balance between appearance and cost

- Sustainable landscaping practices for condo communities
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Pools, Amenities & Shared Facilities

Keeping shared spaces safe, compliant, and well maintained.

- Understanding pool compliance requirements in Ontario
 - Preparing for pool openings and seasonal transitions
 - Common pool maintenance challenges and how to manage them
 - Keeping fitness rooms safe and well maintained
 - Managing wear and tear in shared amenities
 - Communicating amenity rules clearly to residents
 - Planning upgrades for aging amenities and facilities
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Health, Safety & Compliance

Reducing risk and staying aligned with regulations.

- Fire safety systems and ongoing maintenance responsibilities
 - Building an effective emergency preparedness plan
 - Managing contractors safely on site
 - Reducing slip, trip, and fall risks in common areas
 - Key health and safety responsibilities for managers
 - Best practices for incident reporting and documentation
 - Working effectively with inspectors and fire officials
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Governance, Boards & Legislation

Supporting boards and strong decision making.

- Understanding roles between boards and management
- Supporting new board members with the right tools

- Running more effective and productive board meetings
 - Record keeping and document retention essentials
 - Common compliance issues in Ontario condos
 - Enforcing by-laws consistently and fairly
 - Supporting boards through conflict and decision making
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Communication & Resident Relations

Clear, confident communication in all situations.

- Handling resident complaints with professionalism
 - Communicating difficult or unpopular decisions
 - Writing clear and effective community notices
 - Navigating challenging conversations with residents
 - Managing expectations around timelines and projects
 - Communicating clearly during emergencies
 - Using technology to improve resident engagement
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Financial Management & Planning

Helping boards make informed financial decisions.

- Understanding and using reserve fund studies
 - Budget planning approaches for boards and managers
 - Managing unexpected costs and financial risks
 - Working effectively with auditors and financial partners
 - Cost control strategies that maintain quality
 - Helping boards understand financial statements
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Vendor & Contract Management

Building strong, reliable service partnerships.

- Choosing the right vendors for your building
 - Writing clear and effective RFPs and contracts
 - Managing vendor transitions with minimal disruption
 - Identifying and addressing vendor performance issues
 - Building strong, long term vendor relationships
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Professional Practice & Manager Skills

Supporting success in the manager role.

- Practical time management strategies for managers
 - Managing competing priorities in a busy role
 - Setting professional boundaries and expectations
 - Managing stress and supporting long term resilience
 - Building trust with boards and residents
 - Planning your next steps in a condo management career
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Technology & Innovation

Using tools and data to improve operations.

- Getting the most out of property management software
 - Cybersecurity basics for condo operations
 - Organizing digital records effectively
 - Using data to support operational decisions
 - Tools that improve efficiency and communication
 - Key technology trends in condo management
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Accessibility, Sustainability & Future Planning

Planning for what's ahead.

- Improving accessibility in condo operations
 - Introducing sustainability concepts to boards
 - Planning for aging buildings and infrastructure
 - Supporting the needs of aging residents
 - Preparing for climate-related building impacts
 - Long-term planning strategies for condo communities
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Not seeing your exact topic?

We're always open to new ideas. If you have a practical topic that would benefit condominium managers, we'd love to hear it.

Topics already featured in the ACMO Tech library

- **The Benefits of EV Charging Systems for Condominiums** - *contributed by Metro EV*
- **Thermographic Inspections** - *contributed by Signature Electric*
- **Alterations to the Common Elements & Assets of a Condominium** - *contributed by Elia Associates*
- **Timeline for Annual General Meetings** - *contributed by GetQuorum*
- **Building Automation System: What Managers Need to Know** - *contributed by Parity*
- **Concrete Deterioration and Repairs in Parking Garages** - *contributed by Stephenson Engineering*
- **Managing Domestic Hot Water Circulation to Protect Piping & Save Energy** - *contributed by Reed Water*
- **Plumbing Equipment that Requires Annual Service** - *contributed by Power Jet*
- **The Evolution of MURB Electricity Metering** – *contributed by Burlington Electricity Services Inc.*
- **Design & Tender + Build vs. Design + Build: A Practical Guide** – *contributed by The Wiklém Group*

- **From Chaos to Clarity: The Digital Shift in Condo Governance** – *contributed by GetQuorum*
- **Attic Issues and Roof Ice Damming** – *contributed by Keller Engineering*
- **Make Up Air Units** – *contributed by Trace Consulting Group*
- **From Buildings to Brands** - *contributed by Condo Business-REMI Network*
- **Writing a Better RFP** – *contributed by ArmourCo Solutions*
- **Who Covers What: Understanding What is a Standard Unit Bylaw** – *contributed by BFL Canada*