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NEW LOCATION FOR I.P.E MEETINGS

Happy New Year!

I hope you are all enjoying a well-deserved break during the holidays!

We have come to the end of another very good year at the B.C. Institute of Power Engineers. We started the year working hard at our Professionalism Committee where we had an action plan with over 15 items and a large number of members working on all of them. Although we achieved a number of things including a new website and a collection of all the names of Power Engineers registered with the B.C. Safety Authority for our database, the action plan list was a gigantic effort that we could not sustain at our current membership level.

For that reason, at an Executive Meeting last month, it was decided that we need to focus on our top priority issues as the New Year gets underway. Members of the executive each submitted their top three items from the action plan list of issues and it was determined that our top three items for the New Year are membership, employment and the newsletter.

Membership is a big item. It is no simple matter to attract new members and retain them. There are a number of

things we need to work on and get good at to accomplish this. One of the things we want to do is hold regular monthly meetings in the same location each time. We plan to continue with presentations and Safety Talks at all our monthly meetings. We cannot be guaranteed to get the same room every time at BCIT, so we plan to hold our meetings on the third Tuesday of every month at TraumaTech on the corner of Boundary and Lougheed. TraumaTech is a first aid and safety training school that has just relocated from Yaletown to 2250 Boundary Road, so the classrooms are big, new and modern. Parking is not in great demand in the evening in this area like it is at BCIT, so many of us can park on Boundary Road for free.



The parking lot to the east of TraumaTech is not used much in the evening either, so some of us may park there for free as well. Earl's has a lounge just a couple of doors east, for those who

may want to get together for a drink before or after a meeting. The Gilmore sky-train station is 7 minutes east of TraumaTech.

For the meeting schedule and a map, go to the BCIPE website's [Information](#) page.

We continue to post jobs on our website as they come in, but we will need to work harder in future to establish ourselves as the go-to site for power engineering recruits.

This newsletter is an attempt to communicate what is going on in B.C. to members of the IPE. We need more people to get involved and provide more articles and information.

We have been attending the Victoria Branch meetings and they continue to ask us for a meeting on the weekend that they can attend. Davey Paulin is working on a Saturday meeting in March with informative presentations for this purpose. Please keep an eye out for the announcement of the meeting.

I look forward to seeing more of you more often in the New Year at the new location.

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Check the website, www.ipevancouver.ca for the 2011 Schedule of Meetings and a map. Do not hesitate to call or email the Area Director for B.C. for more information.

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