



**B.C.I.P.E.  
Vancouver Branch  
Executive Meeting  
BCIT Power Engineering Department**

**August 28, 2005**

**Attendance:** Art Smith Eric Steinson  
Ron Jones Olaf Vinje  
Kelly Laminski Peter Rubben  
Wai-Chung Lam

**Chairman:** Eric Steinson  
**Secretary:** Ron Jones

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m. A round table discussion was held on various questions.

**1. Should We Entertain the Idea of a Joint B.C. and Alberta Joint Meeting?**

The group felt that we should send some delegates if we are invited. The meeting would probably be in Calgary. Eric felt we should try to contribute articles to "Steam Lines", the Alberta IPE newsletter.

**2. How Can We Better Serve Our Rural Members?**

The executive felt the most practical way to serve members is to communicate better. In future, we will include safety reports, Guest speaker handouts and recaps of plant tours with the meeting minutes. Minutes will be posted to the website. The BCIZE will purchase a scanner to enable us to copy handouts. We will try for more Plant Presentations and try to list any new equipment installations that we hear about.

**3. Social Events**

We will have a BBQ and picnic October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 p.m., Blue Mountain Park, same area as last year.

We will endeavor to have a dance after Christmas, probably February. Peter Rubben will look for a facility.

4. **Speakers – Regular Meetings**

Doug Bramley does an excellent job on safety. His handouts will be included with Minutes.

Gary White does education. We will ask for updates on BCIT Courses. We may consider holding courses such as first aid, forklift, etc. Perhaps we can catalogue other courses of interest such as welding.

Legislation is namely covered by one of the Safety Officers. We have had some updates on the new “Act”. We will try to review every meeting and have more handouts.

Eric suggested we have a question and answer session at every meeting. The question could be on any topic and including plant problems. There is a wealth of knowledge in the membership.

Meetings could be videotaped. Another idea is to have a Forum on the IPE website for questions and answers.

5. **Plant Presentations**

We have had very good presentations, but need to have more. Volunteers will be sought at the next meeting.

6. **Tours**

Eric will ask Central Heat and Art will ask Science World. BCIT and Surrey Memorial Hospital are other possibilities.

7. **Membership**

Some members have been dropping out of the organization. We must do a better job at holding their interest.

Student Membership – The term of student membership will be changed so the membership ends when the school term ends. Students will be given a discount when they become regular members.

**8. Website**

The password to access the employment pages will be changed. Members will have the new password e-mailed to them. The Website will be updated to contain information about the 2006 AGM Convention. We now know location, dates, room rates, etc.

**9. Ideas to Improve IPE Image**

It is proposed to profile a Power Engineer on the website. Companies looking for personnel can better ascertain power engineer's abilities.

**10. Gift – Mary Smith**

Wai Lam proposed that the BCIPE present a gift to Mary Smith for her work helping the branch. A gift certificate was agreed upon. Ron Jones will purchase it from the Keg Restaurant for the next meeting.

**Ron Jones PE**  
**BCIPE Secretary**