



**THE BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF POWER ENGINEERS
VANCOUVER BRANCH
6362 Thorne Avenue
Burnaby, B.C. V3N 2V1**

**Regular Meeting
January 23, 2006
B.C.I.T. Towne Square Mtg. Rm. D**

Chairman : Olaf Vinje
Secretary : Ron Jones
Treasurer : Jack Dauphinais

Attendance :

Tina Lo	Sergei Chebotarev	Henry Chung
Mike Rushford	George Anderson	Kayla Read
Leo Petersen	Don Anderson	Pieter Conover
Manny Nunes	Lorne Baldwinson	Kelly Laminski
Gordon Beriault	Ron Jones	Wai-Chung Lam
Randy Noel	Jovito DeColongon Jr.	D. Martin Vine
Jim Young	John Addison	Peter Rubben
Ken Sunderman	Rebeka Lash	Arthur Smith
Mike Betts	Robert Lee	Dragan Spehar
Abdullah Husain	Olaf Vinje	Doug Bramley
Daniel Woods	Will Puckering	William Pratt
Bob Chang	Dan Bradley	Jack Dauphinais
Ishwinderpal, Svadi	Dave Paulin	

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

- 1. Approval of Agenda**
Moved by Dave Paulin, seconded by Ken Sunderman. Approved.
- 2. Introduction of New Members and Guests**
 - Regular Members**

Barry Brown	Mike A. Betts	Abdullah Husain
Dan Bradley	Edilberto Larga Jr.	Mike Fairhurst
Dragan Spehar	Mario Duran	Ryan Gantner
 - Student Members**

D. Martin Vine	Paul Fielder
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- 3. Circulation of Previous Minutes**

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by George Anderson. Seconded by Randy Noel. Approved.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

6. Correspondence

Wai-Chung Lam has submitted the report and fees required by the Societies Act.

7. Reports

Area Rep – Art Smith

The annual awards from the IPE were presented.

The Honorable Mention Citation is awarded to a member for his/her special recognition for a particular service.

The Service Crest is awarded to a member who has had an Honorable Mention, plus five years as a committee member or officer at the branch or national level.

Sonja Boskovic	-	Honourable Mention
Douglas Bramley	-	Honourable Mention
Tim Haaf	-	Honourable Mention
Fred Konkle	-	Honourable Mention
Wai-Chung Lam	-	Honourable Mention
Randy Noel	-	Honourable Mention
Steve D. Patrick	-	Honourable Mention
Mike Rushford	-	Honourable Mention
Bob Chang	-	Honourable Mention
William Pratt	-	Service Award & Plaque

a) Treasurer's Report – Jack Dauphinais

Bills paid, accounts current. Moved by George Anderson. Seconded by Bob Chang. Report accepted.

b) Employment – Kelly Laminski

Kelly's goal is to make members aware of the vast number of employment choices available.

During the past year members were provided with over 1000 career opportunities. This has allowed members to :

1. Be aware of the career choices available.
2. Increase interaction with other technical and professional organizations.
3. Increase interaction with industry enabling us to develop positive relationships.

We now have another revenue stream from the paid advertising on the website. Also, we have posted numerous tips for a resume, cover letter writing and preparing for an interview

- c) Membership Committee – Art Smith

Please pay annual membership dues on time.

- d) Education – No report.

- e) 2006 AGM Committee – Art Smith

The next AGM Committee Meeting is January 26th at B.C. Safety Authority. Canvassing for sponsors has begun. Selection of Trade Show Participants is in progress. Advertisers are being sought for display ads in the AGM program pamphlet. Three guest speakers are required during the AGM Convention. Submit names if you know of any good interesting speakers (any subject).

8. Coffee Break

9. Plant Presentation – None.

10. Safety Officer Talk – Doug Bramley

Doug described a fatal boiler accident. The accident was caused by a boiler blow off valve which was made of material not allowed for boiler external piping. A word of caution, don't assume that the first valve adjacent to the boiler drum meets the code requirements. Some new boilers are delivered with valves that don't meet code regulations.

The user is responsible to ensure that valves and fittings meet the requirements of appropriate codes and regulations.

11. Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 28, 2006

12. Adjournment

Moved by George Anderson, seconded by Gordon Beriault. Adjourned.

The door prize (a baseball cap) donated by Redi-Strip & Redi-Blast was won by Mike Rushford.

Submitted by

**Ronald Jones, PE
Secretary
British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers.**