



**The British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers
Vancouver Branch
6362 Thorne Avenue
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**Regular Meeting
March 28, 2006
B.C.I.T. Town Square Mtg. Rm. D.**

Attendance: Ron, Jones, Will Puckering, Denis Vrba, Robert Lee, Mark Simpson, Mihr Jambhekar, Alex Podut, C. Saigeon, Dean Giesbrecht, Ben Szmuklerz, George Anderson, Sergei Chebotarev, Eric Steinson, Kayla Read, Rob Engh, Jim Young, Garry White, Fred Wright, Henry E. Justesen, Pritam S. Bola, Art Smith, Pat Jordan, Olaf Vinje, Ravi Thambriazjah, Ryan Wallis, Wai-Chung Lam, Tim Haff, Joe Powers, Randy Noel, Neil Coen, Kelly Laminski, Rebeka Lash, Martin Vine, David Pollman-Tuin, Peter Rubben, Lorne Baldwinson, Doug. Bramley, Chen (David) Haung

Chairman: Eric Steinson
Secretary: Ron Jones
Treasurer: Peter Rubben

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7.00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by George Anderson. Seconded by Neil Coen. Approved.

2. Introduction of New Members and Guests

Regular

Daniel Woods, Clayton Sloan, (JM) Tian Zang, Bruce Stad, Vicram S. Hundle, Raymond Joel Hidalgo, Israel Ravi Kumar Joshua.

Students

John W. Addison, Ravi Thambirajah, M. Dean, Geisbrecht, Joe Powers

Guests

Alex Podut – New Instructor at B.C.I.T.
Mark Simpson – Cannepp
Doreen Coen

3. Circulation of Previous Minutes

4. Approval of previous minutes

Moved by George Anderson, Seconded by Olaf Vinje. Approved

5. Business arising from previous minutes

Production of a certificate to demonstrate that each member has PE status.
Deferred to next meeting.

6. Correspondence

Eric Steinson will meet with engineers in the Trail, Castlegar area to discuss formation of a sub branch in that area. There are approximately 130 engineers in that area and it was once a branch. George Anderson put forward a motion from the floor to advance the Trail and Castlegar engineers a sum of \$200.00 to assist with sub branch startup. Motion was seconded by Wai-Chung Lam. Carried.

7. Reports

A. Vancouver General Hospital Tour – Pat. Jordan

Vancouver General Hospital Tour will be held Wednesday, March 29th at 7.00 p.m. The VGH plant supplies heat and power to many nearby facilities and is in the process of being upgraded.

B. Area Rep. – Art Smith

Robert Lee, Martin Vine, Art Smith and Eric Steinson traveled to Victoria March 11th to meet with Victoria Branch. They enjoyed lunch at the Canadian Forces Base Chief Petty Officer's mess and later toured the Empress Hotel guided by Darrel Jones.

C. Treasurer's Report – Peter Rubben

Bills paid, accounts current. Moved by Kelly Laminski, seconded by Randy Noel to accept treasurer's report. Carried.

D. Employment Committee – Kelly Laminski

The employment committee will use the upcoming AGM to showcase Power Engineering in a broad cross section of industry and to encourage safety, education and training.

E. Legislative Committee – Eric Steinson

The Committee will be meeting the first Wednesday of April and May at the Eastburn Community Centre – 7.00 p.m. Anyone interested is invited to attend and discuss legislative concerns.

F. Education – Garry White

BCIT students have finished mi-term exams. The future looks good for graduation as they are already receiving job offers.

Pan Global will release the First Class course textbooks April 1st. The B.C.I.T. instructors will then write course material around the text book information.

ABSA has accepted BCIT fourth class course and papers I and 2 of the Second Class course as equivalent to post secondary education. BCIT is the first Institute outside of Alberta to be accepted by ABSA. Syncrude of Fort McMurray has approved BCIT to provide education to their employees both onsite and on line.

G. AGM – Art Smith

Corporate Sponsorship about 50% complete and Trade Show participation about 25% complete. Advertising promotion has started.

Several seats have been reserved for the Harbor Dinner Cruise and the President's Ball.

H. Coffee Break

Goodies supplied by Mary Smith. Thank you.

I. Plant Presentation

Mark Simpson from Canadian Engineered Products and Sales gave a very interesting power point presentation of the latest equipment that his company has available. Cannepp is the B.C. and Yukon dealer for Cleaver Brooks Boilers. As well as supplying new boilers, they can retrofit existing boilers with the latest in combustion control, level control and fuel handling equipment. With the price of fuel economizers and feed water pre heaters are a big item.

J. Safety Talk – Doug Bramley BCSA

Doug covered several items from the Act which do not seem well understood. He stressed that engineers must know the law and work only to the safe limit of their abilities. Also, de-regulation and self-regulation will place you at greater risk- BE VIGILANT. Acts, Regulations and Standards are MINIMUMS designed to prevent injury and loss of life.

[Next Meeting – Tuesday - May 23rd, 2006.](#)

Adjournment

Moved by George Anderson. Seconded by Olaf Vinje. Adjourned.

Door Prize Winners

Hat – Eric Steinson

Cup – Kelly Laminski

Pen - Wai-Chun Lam

Hat - Chen Huang

Submitted by,

**Ron Jones, PE
Secretary
B.C. Institute of Power Engineers**