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## Monthly Meeting

February 21, 2011

Trauma Tech Centre, 110-2250 Boundary Rd., Burnaby, BC

**Chairman:** Peter Rubben, PE

**Secretary:** Randy Noel, PE

**Treasurer:** Joseph Stadel, PE

The Chairman, Peter Rubben called the meeting to order at 19:10 hrs.

**Attendance:** Miki Martins, Eric, Peter Rubben, Art, Jason Rako, Gordon Gully, Tekle Gebremedhin, Art Smith, Sykhi Dhantu, Patrick Joyce, John Donald, George Anderson, Frank Tally, David Tian, Jim Young, Ben Sz muklenz, Muhammad Zahid Tung, Ramon Hardy, Martin Vine, Sungho Kim, Eric Steinson, Joseph Stadel

**1. Approval of Agenda:**

Agenda so approved and seconded

**2. Introduction of new members and guests**

**Regular Members:**

John W. Donald, Juan Carlos Mayorga, Brent Corey, Alexander Tuazon, Craig M. Brightman, Winston, M. Cheayan, Ramon S. Hardy

**Students:**

James C. Simpson, Da Qing (david) Tian

**3. Circulation of previous minutes**

January 18, 2011 meeting minutes were circulated

**4. Approval of previous minutes**

Minutes were approved and seconded

**5. Correspondence**

Art mentioned that Henry Justesen unable to make the meeting due to an electronic driving test that is tough on seniors

**6. Reports**

- Area representative report – we are working at the national office to put together a memorial for Mr. Charles Puttenham. Eric mentioned that apparently the National AGM report has an inclusion that Vancouver will be hosting a convention. It is anticipated that this is a misprint.
- **Treasurer's report** – gave an update on the financial status of the IPE (good) including summaries of bank accounts and investments. Note that this is a new treasurer just being brought up to speed. It was also mentioned that the audit required for tax purposes had been repaired and was to be audited (update – one auditor has done so, one more to go).

- **Employment report** – Fifth, fourth and third class jobs are being posted on the website by Farshad Furoughi, [fforoughi@telus.net](mailto:fforoughi@telus.net) and Bob Norton [steamer48@shaw.ca](mailto:steamer48@shaw.ca) for firsts and seconds class. If you have a job to post contact Farshad or Bob. This gives everyone the opportunity to post employment ads on our website.
- **Membership update:** not available at this time.
- **Boiler Technology Committee** – Eric has chaired this meeting for six years. Draft minutes... BC Safety Authority talks about regulatory development – new regulations will come into effect in April 2011 – Eric mentioned that boiler committee was not involved in the drafting of the regulations. Eric will be stepping down this year, see website. Some new positions have been taken over by new members in the BCSA.
- **Eric** mentioned that eight incidents reported to the committee at the BCSA – note that this is where we should send info to. One of these incidents was a fatality – regarding a nitrogen leak filling a room, killing a millwright. Next meeting is with BCSA is May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- **BCIT** is doing well, there's a waiting list for next year, and the year after is almost full. Joseph (BCIT instructor) has volunteered to give a tour in the future regarding a tour on the new equipment being commissioned.
- **Mini Conference:** Dave Paulin talked about Mini Conference, a 'good show' coming up – steam traps info, PRV's and steam trap energy. About a dozen signed up. Website will give information how to get there, how to park (public transportation is recommended, as parking at this hospital is expensive. Students will pay five bucks for the seminar. Dave will give a presentation for BCIT students in the near future. Note that there are only forty seats available. *Art gave a presentation and half dozen students have signed up.*
- **Meetings will be held every third Monday of the month.** In the future there will be some seminars and topics of discussion of power engineer concerns. Bring the ideas that you would like to see presented to Dave Paulin.
- Art mentioned that we have a coffee fund, and Art asked for volunteers to do the coffee fund – buy the cookies, coffee is supplied; any money collected during the coffee fund will be used to get the cookies for the next meeting. No volunteers quite yet.

## 7. **New Business**

- **Dave Babich** asked to have Eric go with him to a meeting regarding having power engineers recognized in a university education platform and came out positive on the idea of Power Engineers working on achieving professional status – they asked us to find first class engineers who are power engineers to write a letter why we should be classified as professionals, and also to find out what the qualifications are for a first class power engineer and how it could be implemented into the professional curriculum.

- **Eric** mentioned that he had an idea that since we have trouble getting our newsletter out, a different method of getting info out to the engineers – so he registered [www.boilerblog.ca](http://www.boilerblog.ca) for a place to put some good info, feeds from, for example boiler manufacturers, people in the field, anything that would be of interest to the industry. Even international information about what's going on out there would be interesting.
- **Dave Paulin** - mentioned that we move that the IPE return to the Abbotsford the per capita (the money that we get back from the national branch regarding memberships) – discussion was moved and seconded, and therefore discussion entailed regarding the return of this membership money back to their own membership. We had given them seed money (\$200.00) but that was a one time thing, and it was felt that the Abbotsford branch could use the money. This motion was passed.
- **Eric** gave an excellent presentation on a Tailboard/Post-Job procedure in progress to be given as training for BC Hydro.

Next meeting: **March 21, 2011 at: 110-2250 Boundary Rd., Burnaby, BC**

Respectfully Submitted

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Acting Secretary  
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