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The 2011 National Annual General Meeting of the Institute of Power Engineers was hosted by Sault Ste. Marie branch this year. Seminars and Meetings took place at the Waterfront Delta Hotel on the banks of the St. Mary's River. From the hotel you can see the locks in the river and an international bridge that crosses to Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. It is a beautiful setting and the weather was fantastic!

We have a new Office Manager in the National Office and the National Executive reviewed the transition of Office Managers and how it could be improved.

The retiring Office Manager, Fred Billard suggested in a letter to the Executive that an opportunity exists for the IPE to finally become the main voice of Power Engineering in Canada because of the current lack of Power Engineers across the country. A motion was made to have a couple members of the Executive find a person who could tell us the steps to take to get us to the point where the Institute of Power Engineers is overseeing and coordinating the profession of Power Engineering. Because of the urgency, this is to be done in the next month.

We are proceeding to trademark the IPE logo and establish our legal right to be known as Power Engineers across Canada. We reviewed the Canadian Council of Professional Engineer's argument to our application for trademark and provided comments to assist member John Cerniuk in his oral argument at the upcoming hearing.



Bob Clark of Pan Global informed us of the efforts to update all five classes of Power Engineering training materials as well as Refrigeration Operator. We also had a first look at a draft publishing agreement for the CATE manuals. Our Education Committee will be looking into the possibility of the IPE offering members the ability to access test questions for Power Engineering exams.

Ontario has submitted the 4th Class CATE manual to the TSSA for endorsement. B.C. will likely follow by doing

the same. The Vancouver Branch has agreed to review the 3rd Class CATE manual for approval.

Ontario is now working to become a Society under the Societies Act and have the ability to place the designation PE after their names.

Nova Scotia schedules their meetings on a regular monthly basis like the Vancouver branch with some of the meetings at tour locations or social events. We will work to include tours and social events on the 2012 schedule of meetings for the Vancouver branch.

The Board of Directors has approved Tim Haaf, PE of the Vancouver branch as representative of the IPE at the Industrial Application of Gas Turbines Committee in Banff next month.

We agreed to work toward the implementation of a one-page membership application form. Lorne Shewfelt has agreed to draft the document.

A tremendous amount of work is again planned by this group over the next year to improve the status of Power Engineers in Canada.

Eric Steinson, PE

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Special points of interest:

- Working to expand role of IPE in Canada
- Working on trademark for IPE logo

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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