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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, November 24, 2009**

**B.C.I.T. Town Square Meeting Room "D"**

**Chairman: Peter Rubben, PE**

**Assistant Secretary: Randy Noel, PE**

**Assistant Treasurer: Tanya Peric, PE**

**The Chairman, Peter Rubben called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.**

**Attendance:** Bob Norton, John Reda, Leo Andrada, Randy Noel, Gordon Beriault, Joseph Stadel, Curbaso Swaten, Mikl Marslins, Eric Steinson, Randall Hayes, Stephany Evers, Art Smith, J Homans, Gordie Cully, Farshad Foroughi, David Babich, Linda Le, Scott Kennett, Peter Rubben, Gord Lindsay, Dave Welder, Doug Bramley, George Anderson, Mario Dotto, Don Anderson, Tanya Peric, Oleg Tokmakon, David Vuong.

### **1. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Joe Stadel, Seconded by Gord Lindsay, Approved.

### **2. Introduction of New Members and Guests:**

New members from September.29, 2009 to November.24, 2009

- **Regular:** Robert Norton, Gary Killacky, Matthew Dengin, Greg Higgs, John Homans, William Wendels
- **Students:** Carlos Rodrigues, Chad J Pringle, Scott W Kennett, Tee Sheng, KT Tan, Kelvin, Chantha Phon, David NGO, James E Serrano, Ian J Klassen, Surhat Yuksel, D.Ross Morrison, Liam P Coombs, Hammad A Sattar, Miki Martins, Jian Lin, Allan Sohrabi, Farshad Foroughi, Keith Leung, Erle R Deligero, Reynold P Quero, Daniel P Chu, Harpreet Singh Minhas, Joshua C Stone, Brandon Stone, Julius A Teo, Ryan M Tribbeck, Nikolaos Scaramangas, Jonathon B Maralli, Ritchie A Dioita.

### **3.0 Circulation of Previous Minutes: By Art Smith**

### **4.0 Approval of Previous Minutes: Joe Stadel, seconded by Gord Lindsay.**

## 5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

Eric presented a chart showing the new Per-Capita rates paid to each branch from IPE National. Larger memberships for a given branch will receive more of the annual dues to pay for the branch expenses.

Eric is now the second vice president at the National IPE Executive.

Also Eric Steinson, Joe Stadel, Barry Brown, and Rebecca Lash are winners of the 2008 awards. Congratulations to all these members.

## 6.0 Correspondence:

Art Smith commented on the boiler explosion that occurred in Ottawa this year at the Cliff St. power plant. Art did not get any boiler explosion pictures from the Ontario IPE branch as they were told by the Ontario Safety Authority the investigation was not complete. Do you remember the BCIT boiler explosion? Two years after the explosion the BCSA would not give you any information as the excuse was then, the boiler explosion can't be discussed as it is in the courts. Two or three years from now the Ontario Safety Authority will likely tell you it is in the courts. One man died and several were badly injured. Art Smith will be sending a letter out to the IPE membership addressing safety issues.

## 7.0 Reports

**Employment – Barry Brown:** Barry is now in charge of this committee, thanks Barry.

**Corporate Membership:** Bob Norton: Bob is preparing a letter to present to companies who employ power engineers explaining how they may sign up and pay for IPE members.

### **Legislation:**

Eric Steinson: Eric spoke of some recent changes and proposals affecting our profession and the general public. Including that the BCSA is now sending proposed changes directly to the provincial government without any consultation with the IPE or anyone in the power engineering community. A major concern is the proposal sent by the BCSA to the provincial government that if passed would eliminate the requirements for boiler inspectors. Gord Lindsay made a motion that the Area Director send a letter to the Minister of Housing and Social Development voicing our concern with the lack of consultation that now goes on, as well as the recent changes that are on the table. Motion was seconded by Gordon Beriault. Eric will write the letter.

**Treasurers Report:** Tanya Peric reported all accounts are in good order.

**Professionalism:** David Babich spoke of the first continuing competency course coming out starting in March 2010, more information to come.

**\*\*\*Coffee Break\*\*\* at 8:26 pm**

**8.0 Website:** Phillip Hughes gave a presentation on the new website for the Vancouver branch IPE which will be in operation soon.

- 9.0 Safety Talk-** Doug Bramley gave a talk on a furnace explosion, causes and effects etc....Doug mentioned 3 factors that can keep staff safe when required to fire oil in the boilers:ensure your equipment complies with current codes, ensure your procedures are updated and Operators are trained on them and ensure the equipment is operating properly.
- 10.0** There was a draw for a deluxe message centre which was donated by Art, and it was won by Phillip Hughes.
- 11.0** A proposal was made by John Reda to start a webpage for the IPE on facebook, seconded by Tanya Peric. Motion carried. Eric will check with national office to ensure they are okay with this. John Reda will set it up for us, thanks John.

**Annual Elections were held for the 2010 BCIPE, Vancouver Branch.  
Below are the names for the 2010 executive, auditors, and student representatives.**

<b>IPE Area Director-</b>	<b>Eric Steinson, PE</b>
<b>President-</b>	<b>Peter Rubben, PE</b>
<b>1st. Vice President-</b>	<b>Bob Norton, PE</b>
<b>2nd. Vice President-</b>	<b>Gordon Beriault, PE</b>
<b>Secretary-</b>	<b>Randy Noel, PE</b>
<b>Assistant Secretary-</b>	<b>Joe Stadel, PE</b>
<b>Treasurer-</b>	<b>Tanya Peric, PE</b>
<b>Assistant Treasurer-</b>	<b>Rebecca Lash, PE</b>
<b>Alternate Area Rep-</b>	<b>Arthur Smith, PE</b>
<b>Auditor-</b>	<b>Martin Vine, PE</b>
<b>Auditor-</b>	<b>Gurbax Swatch, PE</b>
<b>Student Executive-</b>	
<b>General-</b>	<b>David Vuong</b>
<b>Technical-</b>	<b>Farshad Foroughi</b>

**12.0 Meeting adjourned at 9:39 pm**

**13.0 [Next Meeting – January 25, 2010](#)**

**Submitted by,**

**Randy Noel, PE  
Assistant Secretary,  
The British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers**