



**British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers
Vancouver Branch
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GENERAL MEETING

Monday, March 23, 2009

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

Chairman: Peter Rubben, PE

Asst. Secretary: Randy Noel, PE

Treasurer: Jack Dauphinas, PE

The Chairman, Peter Rubben called the meeting to order at 7:08 P.M.

Attendance: Pat Jordan, Randy Noel, Jarek Darnos, David Babich, Gordon Beriault, Paul Kwan, Johnson Wong, Shaheen Fallahi, Purisimo San Pedro, Qi Mei, Jonathan Cercia, Milan Parekh, Wai-Chung Lam, Ken Bowen, Gordon Gully, Ruel De Jesus, Isidro Misajon, Simson Lai, Keywyn Deu Cym, Ken Sunderman, Dave Paulin, Stewart Forsyth, Jim Young, Lisa Lee, Jack Dauphinais, Doug Bramley, Eric Steinson, Tanya Hughes, Martin Vine, Stephany Evers, Joseph Stadel, Malcolm Velasco, Peter Rubben, Gurbax Svatch

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by David Babich, Seconded by Wai Lam, Approved.

2. Introduction of New Members and Guests:

New members from November 27, 2007 to January 28, 2008

- Regular-Michael J Royal, Angus Hawkesby, Bao Yu Yue
- Students-Lance Hurrocks, Drew R Kovacic, Awais Amed

3. Circulation of Previous Minutes:

Art Smith circulated meeting minutes of January 27/2009

4. Approval of Previous Minutes:

Moved by David Babich, seconded by Art Smith, Approved.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes-see section 9, advancement of professionalism.

6. Correspondence - Eric Steinson gave a presentation of the BCIPE website. A recommendation to get the bulletin board operating was made. Also there was a recommendation made to post BCIPE promotional items up on the website.

7. Reports

Area Rep - Eric Steinson: April 4, 2009 Vancouver branch members are invited to attend the Victoria branch IPE meeting at the CPO's mess in Esquimalt. Members will take the 9:00 am ferry over and the 5:00 pm ferry back to the mainland. Some HMC dockyard touring will be provided, all interested contact Eric Steinson.

Treasurer – Jack Dauphinais

Everything is paid up

Employment – Barry Brown: Art Smith reported lots of jobs continue to be posted on the BCIPE employment website, accessible to members.

Membership – Art Smith: Art reported the Vancouver branch to be maintaining the largest membership in Canada to date. Also that members are encouraged to pay dues through the National website, PayPal system in place.

Legislation – Eric Steinson: Eric informed members of a current move to standardize what power engineers can work on in regards to electrical and gas systems in power plants.

Education – Garry White: Peter Rubben spoke of the possibility of having an instructor go around the province helping power engineers who live in communities without access to schools.

Student Scholarships - Ken Sunderman, P. Eng. IPAC Chemicals, Hassan Khan, Johnson Controls and Jack Dauphinais, PE presented student scholarship awards: Congratulations to all winners.

Award winners were:

Hongbin Liu - BCIT, General

Qi Mei - BCIT, Technical

Kenric Lee - BCIT, Power and Process

Jojit Banocnoc - Northern Lights College, Fourth Class

8. **New Business-None**
9. **Advancement of Professionalism: David Babich** - David presented ideas on expanding the membership base in a possibly profound way. Some comments by members about this issue were conveyed, including for the BCIPE to get to know other organizations that have large memberships in their occupations. There is a motion to find a consultant for the purpose of increasing membership. Some comments on this were inquiring of cost for this, the importance for the BCIPE to maintain control of this process. There is a search to find a potential consultant to come to the May 2009 Vancouver branch meeting and deliver a proposal for this ambitious endeavor. Motion made by Eric Steinson - **I make a motion that the BCIPE Committee for Professionalism find a consultant to propose to study how other professions, such as the CGA and BCWWA, have developed their professional associations to achieve such high percentage membership and to provide the BCIPE with a plan to achieve at least 75% membership.** Seconded by Martin Vine. Opposed by Dave Paulin. Motion carried.
10. **Coffee Break**
11. **Presentation - Ken Sunderman P. Eng IPAC Area Manager:** 2nd of 5 planned water treatment systems presentations. This one focused on closed loop systems. Thank you Ken.
12. **Safety Talk – Doug Bramley, PE - B.C.S.A.** - Doug touched on several important topics directly affecting our profession. Included was an incident of a transmitter that had been neglected to be properly installed, several years later causing extensive equipment damage. Thank you Doug.
13. [Next Meeting – Monday - May 25, 2009.](#)
14. **Adjournment**
Moved by Peter Rubben, Seconded by Randy Noel, carried. Adjourned.

Submitted by,

Randy Noel, PE

Assistant Secretary

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