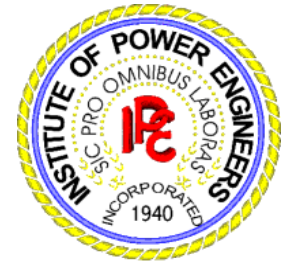




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General Meeting

Tuesday, September 24, 2007

B.C.I.T. Power Engineering Administration Department Rm. 209

Chairman: Olaf Vinje

Asst. Secretary: Ken Mah

Attendance:

Patrick Joyce, Olaf Vinje, Gordie Gully, Martin Vine, Eric Steinson, Jim Young, Randy Noel, Peter Rubben, Barry Brown, George Anderson, Dave Paulin, Allan Tomilin, Errol Owen, Wai C. Lam, Mike Betts, Mario Dotto, Ken Mah, Arthur Smith

1.0 The Chairman called the meeting to order at 19:09 Hours
Minutes and Agenda were approved.

2.0 New Members read out by President.

Regular:

Alan Cole	Peter Hildering	Brian T. Hannay
Peter K. Chew	Zoltan Nagy-Gyorgy	Lenard R. Dawson
	Ming Mao	

Student:

Chang Yi Liu	Sabir Hussain	Alexander Tuazon	Wenhong Liu
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3.0 No new business arising from previous minutes
Barry Brown and Mario Dotto – Moved and seconded, carried.

4.0 **Correspondence:** Art Smith spoke with Victoria Branch about Certificates. A Vancouver Member may go to Victoria and present certificates to members.

5.0 **Area Director:** Eric Steinson – spoke on his writing and communication for the National IPE. He will convey his message at the National Annual General Meeting in October 2007.

6.0 **Treasurers Report:** Peter Rubben .
Moved by George Anderson to accept treasurer's report and seconded by Dave Paulin, carried.

- 7.0 **Employment Committee:** Discussion held on Employment Committee. Barry Brown has volunteered to do work in this area.
- 8.0 **IPE Membership:** Art Smith – spoke on membership issues. There concerns with unpaid IPE membership fees.
- 8.1 **Legislation:** Eric Steinson – Re: Boiler incidents – there are not enough incidents reported in British Columbia. E.g. In 2005, there were 5 incidents reported. It is likely (“very”) more happened in regard to hit and misses incidents. The desire is to have “these” reported with greater frequency and have “follow up” occurring to reduce and avoid future incidents, which may or may not cause catastrophic failure.
- 8.2 There are BC and Alberta legislation changes in the making. These are similar, for example, in pre-1998 Heating Plants at the 4th Class level – BC made surface area increases for Heating Plants and 86 plants had their designations and classifications reworded.
- 8.3 Starting December 2007, BCSCA will be proceeding to change Power Engineer Certificate Numbers from the Old (and older certificates) and to issue Newer BCSCA Certificate & Numbers
- 8.4 Issues under discussion at this meeting:
- a) Eric Steinson: Would like BCSCA and IPE do the Certificates together.
 - b) Eric Steinson: Proposed CRANE Certification Model for Power Engineers.
 - c) George Anderson: Questioned legitimacy of IPE Certificate – valid?
 - d) George Anderson: Proposed Alberta model for PE’s Cert. He suggested there be self-regulation/self examining. Also said BC system has been good for Power Engineers and training-wise. He would like this to be separate from trade unions and business, suggesting we be unique as PE’s.
 - e) Jim Young: Suggested BCIT should issue PE Certificates similar to the way the TRADES and their Diploma’s. This would be found under Section #5 of Regulations
 - f) Dave Paulin: mentioned –1) SOPEEC needs greater recognition. 2) PE Certificates need to be sustainable under all conditions in relation to the work and matters pertaining to Power Engineers.
 - g) BCIT, PANGLOBAL, SAIT and NAIT would like to be recognized and granted recognition for the work/matters they do for PE’s and subsequent certification.
- 9.0 **Education:** Wai-Chung Lam – gave an overview of BCIT courses and programs progress underway. The future outlook and demand for Power Engineers right up to the 1st Class Cert. Level is good. Especially in Fort McMurray, Alberta.

- 9.1 5th Class Boiler Endorsement: will soon be Interprovincial.
- 9.2 **PANGLOBAL:** Is continuing to work on the Distance Education Programs for Power Engineers.
- 9.3 Question from Art Smith: in regard to 9.0.2 & 9.0.3 above – Is the goal to have “These” completed in 6-12 months? Answer: Wai Lam – It is to be decided by a Committee who looks after these matters...IT MAYBE longer than 6-12 months.

IPE Social Event: February 9, 2008 – Recognition Dinner Party. There was a good discussion - involved who to attend, costs, cost recovery, commitment dates, “round dollar” estimates, Hall rental, min/max number of people to be accommodated, “beverage dollar figure”, seeking pre-Christmas/ Holiday commitments from attendees, menu items, and so forth...!

Action: Eric Steinson – To send out a “reminder” before the November 2007 IPE Meeting to prospective/committed attendees.

- 11. CHAMCO Industries Ltd was on hand to give a presentation on a variety of Air Compressors. It was a good overview and practical information along with small demo-items passed to members in attendance for viewing. Thank you Chamco!
- 12. Art Smith made a motion that the Vancouver Branch pay the Area Director one hundred and fifty dollars for out of pocket expenses while attending the National Annual General Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- 13. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Next Meeting: Monday - November 26, 2007

Submitted by:

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