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Vancouver Branch
General Meeting

BCIT Town Square – Mtg Rm. “D”
Tuesday, March 29, 2005

Attendance: Isidro Misajon; Reynaldo dela Cruz; Henry Justesen; Don Anderson; Rick Staniszewski; Peter Rubben; Eric Steinson; Pritam S. Bola; Dragan Spehar; Daryl Spent; Jim Young; Sean Tobin; Kelly Laminski; Art Smith; Mike Betts; Clint Anderson; Rob Engh; Doug Car; Olaf Vinje; Jean Martin Dumont; D. Martin Vine; Leo S. Petersen; Rebeka Lash; George Anderson; Mario Dotto; Jovito Decolongon; Frank Cichon; Ron Bahr; Asm Sayed; Ron Jones; Doug Bramley; Gustav Arinzol; Wai Chung Lam, Jack Dauphinais.

Chairman Eric Steinson
Secretary Ron Jones
Treasurer Jack Dauphinais

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1.0 Approval of Agenda

Moved by Pritam Bola. Seconded by George Anderson. Carried.

2.0 Introduction of New Members and Guests

- **Regular Members**

Leo Petersen; Gordon Maurice Beriault; Gustav Arinzol; Asm Sayed; Chuck Fiehn; Douglas James Carter; Sean B. Tobin; Walter Siegel; Derek Bellamy.

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- **Student**

Ron Bahr; Kerel Weirmeir

- **Readmission**

Vicente Mendez Jr.

3.0 *Circulation of minutes of previous meeting of January 24, 2005.*

4.0 *Approval of Minutes of previous meeting*

Moved by Kelly Laminski; seconded by Frank Cichon. Carried.

5.0 *Business arising from Minutes*

Eric Steinson has been asked to be a member of the technical committee being implemented by the B.C. Safety Authority.

6.0 *Awards*

Olaf Vinje and Pritam Bola received Honorable Mention awards for past service.

7.0 *Correspondence*

Art Smith has been in contact with Western Canadian IPE branches and a meeting has been arranged for members of these branches to get together on April 30th at BCIT. The object of the meeting is to discuss strategies to give the “West” more impact on policies at the national level.

8.0 *Committee Reports*

a) Area Rep – Art Smith

On March 19th Art visited the Victoria Branch. The branch has a new executive who has helped to increase membership and make the branch more dynamic and relevant.

The visit included a tour of the Canadian Forces Naval Damage Control Training Facility.

TOUR AT THE NAVAL DAMAGE CONTROL TRAINING FACILITY

The primary use of this facility is to train military personnel involved in the operating of ships and submarines.

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Each phase of the training program has the capability of creating three variable conditions. The temperature can be controlled from zero to 300 degrees.

Water level can be varied from dry to flooded conditions.

Smoke density can be increased to blackout conditions.

Students have to repair water lines in 4 small confined compartments with the above three variable conditions.

Students are trained to extinguish fires in an enclosed compartment. The three variable conditions are used while students attempt to extinguish liquid floor fires, cabin fires, and flash fires.

Response to an emergency airplane or helicopter fire on the deck of a ship is prepared for. These fires could be cabin fires, liquid deck fires and engine fires.

b) Treasurer – Jack Dauphinais

Bills paid. Accounts current. Audited financial statements have been sent to National Headquarters and to Victoria.

c) Employment – Kelly Laminski

Earlier this year the Employment Committee added a number of new segments to the IPE web site to assist members in the following areas:

- Planning a Successful Job Search
- Preparing a Cover Letter
- Writing a Resume
- Preparing for an Interview

- Tools and Resources for Networking (updated regularly)

In addition, the Committee and the Executive have been examining ways to make a small profit from advertising job opportunities. Our goal is to provide members with a variety of opportunities and to get people to think *outside of the box*. Our ultimate goal is to have companies contact us prior to placing an add in the paper or on the internet.

Kelly is also considering a workshop to assist members with cover letters, resumes, interviews, etc. Over 100 jobs have been posted on the website over the past year.

d) Membership – Art Smith

Membership is slowly increasing and we are in a position to assist any sub branches to start up. Five or more members could start a sub branch if they wish. An example would be Abbotsford.

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For any former members who wish to rejoin the IPE, there are no penalties and they do not have to pay past dues. E-mail Art at Asmith24@Shaw.ca for a readmission form.

Please let the membership committee know if you have a change of address or e-mail address.

9.0 Coffee Break

10.0 Plant Presentation

Eric Steinson presented a training video that he and two other B.C. Hydro employees recently produced. The purpose of the video is to give non-operational employees an overview of the Burrard Thermal Plant process.

Everyone was impressed by quality of the production.

11.0 Safety Officer Talk – Doug Bramley

Doug gave an insightful talk on the recent changes to Provincial Boiler and Pressure Vessel Legislation.

A video on boiler and pressure vessel safety was also shown.

12.0 Next Meeting

Tuesday, May 24th, 2005.

13.0 *Adjournment*

Moved by Pritam Bola; seconded by Olaf Vinje. Adjourned.

R.E. Jones, PE
BCIPE Secretary