



British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers
Vancouver Branch
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 24, 2008
B.C.I.T. Town Square Meeting Room "D"

Chairman: Peter Rubben, PE
Secretary: Ken Mah, PE
Treasurer: Jack Dauphinais, PE

The Chairman, Peter Rubben called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M.

Attendance:

George Anderson, Don Anderson, Manny Nunis, Eric Steinson, Tanya Hughes, Andrew Hutchings, Olaf Vinje, Ken Sunderman, Ben Szmukelerz, R.D.Guiz, R.D.Asuj, B.Ivan Louie, Lester Nienves, John Delany, Fanghou Li, Stephany Evers, John Reda, Anthony Sebastiani, Lorenzo De Vera, Milan Parekh, Glen Wilson, Gordon Beriault, Menardo Mendoza, Kevin Park, Kenric Lee, Brendan Lee, Chandra Masih, Jack Dauphinais, Ross Goddard, Mike Guo, Wai C. Lam, Randall Hayes, Morris Harack, Peter Rubben, Frank Cichon, Dave Paulin, Mike Betts, Doug Bramley, Jermaine Olaybal, Ken Mah, Arthur Smith.

1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by Peter Rubben, Seconded by Dave Paulin, Approved.

2. Introduction of New Members and Guests:

New members from September 23, 2008 to November 24, 2008

- **Regular**

Ke Jun Zhang, John A. Campbell, Rajan Jaswal, Chris Michael Eng

- **Students**

Gurbax Swatch, Krishna Mendoza, Brion S. Newcomb, Xiaoning Guo, Malcolm Velasco, Charles R, Storie, Weiqi Zhong, Xinbiao Philip Lu, Ju An, Ryan M Humle, Milan M.P. Parekh, Jonathan G. Garcia.

3.0 Circulation of Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting were circulated.

4.0 Approval of Previous Minutes:

Moved by Peter Rubben seconded by D. Paulin, Approved.

5.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

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6.0 Correspondence

- a) An official letter of recognition from Lorne Shewfelt the National IPE President will be sent to the Vancouver sub-branch which is located in Abbotsford.
- b) A summary of the actions that occurred during 2008 and approved at the IPE AGM, in Dartmouth, NS. has been sent out to the BC membership.
- c) Vancouver Sub Branch in Abbotsford can apply for branch status when it has 30 members. Meetings are to be held on the opposite months, of Vancouver Branch. That is December, February, April, June and October. Time will be: 6:30pm

7.0 Reports - Area Rep - Eric Steinson

*IPE National has requested the recruitment of a Membership Liaison Representative from each area. An interested individual may step forward, and on IPE approval, will fill the existing position.

- Members may now pay their membership fees with a charge card over the internet via IPE National web site. Provider: Pay-Pal www.nipe.ca

Treasurer - Jack Dauphinais

The financial report was read out and available to the membership.
Accounts are current, balanced and up to date.

Scholarships – Jack Dauphinais, David Paulin, Gordon Gully, Joseph Stadel

The scholarship committee is organizing the scholarship fund and will distribute the application forms. Each scholarship is \$250.00 and will be awarded in March 2009.

There will be four scholarships handed out:

- a) BCIT: 1) General (Fourth Class Cert) Program
2) Technical (Fourth Class Cert) Program
3) Power & Process (Third Class Cert) Program
- b) Other BC Programs will be considered.

Scholarship Methodology: e.g. a written paragraph or two.

Scholalastic Sponsors are: IPAC and Johnson Controls.

Employment – Barry Brown

There are many employment opportunities on the Vancouver web site, employment page.
www.ipevancouver.ca

Membership – Art Smith

Membership has increased. Recommends membership to use Pay-Pal to pay their annual fees.

Members in the Abbotsford area may now request a transfer to that **Vancouver sub-branch.**

Please note you can save \$5.00/year when fees/dues are paid early. Currently \$90.00 if you pay early or \$95.00 if you are late.

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Legislation – Eric Steinson

Eric will meet with the Board of Directors of the BC Safety Authority this week and give them a report of the activities of the Boiler Technology Committee, which he chairs. Included in his report will be mention of a couple of Cross Technology Committee meetings that were held. This is where the Chairs and Safety Managers of the various disciplines get together.

Eric made it clear that it is his desire to work closely with the BC Safety Authority until they are clearly hearing the concerns of Power Engineers. A discussion ensued concerning the renewal of registration of Power Engineers. Peter Rubben and Eric Steinson met with the Boiler Safety Manager today and learned that BC is the only province without renewal and the BCSA has a plan to implement it here soon. We asked if the IPE could partner in this venture at which time we would include IPE mandatory membership, and the answer was that this was a definite possibility.

Opinions were expressed by Power Engineers both for and against the concept of renewal of registration.

Vancouver Sub Branch-Abbotsford – Olaf Vinje

Membership is organized and well underway.

President	Olaf Vinje, PE	1 st Vice President	Fred Golar, PE
Secretary	Ronald Jones, PE	Treasurer	William Andruschak, PE
Auditor	Don De Beyer, PE	Auditor	Mark Wapples, PE

Their next meeting would be: Monday, December 1st, 2008. Time: 6:30pm.

Education – Garry White

No report available at this time.

Awards – Eric Steinson, Art Smith

Honorary Mention Award went to:	Dennis Hay, PE	Dave Babich, PE
	Peter Rubben, PE	Kenric Lee, PE

Service Crest Award: Ken Sunderman, P Eng.

G.W. Smith Award: George Anderson, PE

8.0 New Business

- Dave Paulin – (Q) should we have an IPE Dinner & Dance in March 2009?

(Ans.) The last dinner/dance required a huge subsidy. To avoid that situation requires more than 2 months of planning time. The social committee should develop a plan to raise funds to eliminate a large subsidy.

Election of Officers for 2009

Area Director:	Eric Steinson, PE
Alternate Area Director:	Arthur Smith, PE
1st Vice President:	Patrick Jordan, PE
2nd Vice president:	Gordon Beriault, PE
Secretary:	Ken Mah, PE
Treasurer:	Jack Dauphinais, PE
Auditor:	David Ewanchook, PE
Auditor:	Kenric Lee, PE

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9.0 Advancement of Professionalism: David Babich

No report.

*****COFFEE BREAK*****

10.0 Safety Talk – Doug Bramley

It is important for Power Engineers to become involved in the legislative process as it pertains to their profession. We are trying to look out for the interests of the power engineer in the field, but to be effective, the power engineer must participate. We need to hear from Power Engineers in all sizes of plants in all areas of the Province about the hazards in the field and figure out how best to deal with them. We need to learn what is happening in other jurisdictions. When changes to the Regulation are proposed, power engineers need to take a closer look and speak up. We need more and more meaningful participation.

**11.0 Guest Presentation – Mark Furneaux
Cesco Systems – Wastewater Treatment Systems**

Mr. Furneaux gave an excellent presentation that was well received by the IPE members in the audience. He covered his topic with a Power Point presentation containing flow charts, diagrams, wastewater basics, lists of items for some wastewater systems. Cesco Systems thank you.

12.0 Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 27, 2009

13.0 Adjournment

Moved by Peter Rubben, Seconded by Ken Mah, carried. Adjourned.

Submitted by,

**Ken Mah, PE
Secretary
The British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers**