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GENERAL MEETING

Date: Jan. 16, 2012

Trauma Tech Centre
110-2250 Boundary, Rd. Burnaby, B.C.

Chairman: David Paulin, PE
Secretary: Jason Rako, PE (Assistant Secretary)
Treasurer: Tim Haaf, PE (Absent)

The Chairman, called the meeting to order at: 7:08 p.m.

Regular, Associate and Student members in attendance (as per sign in register):

Ryan Minchin, Joseph Stadel, Richy Williams, John Gao, Gordy Gully, Ralph Spolander, Farshad Foroughi, Ken Sunderman, Peter Rubben, Mike Beveridge, Art Smith, Dave Paulin, Min Jun Li, Eric Steinson, Lobo Chan, Ben Szmuklerz, Robert Doberstein, Janos Demeter, Jason Rako

1.0 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved, seconded and carried.

2.0 New Regular, Associate members from Nov. 21 to Jan. 16, 2011, (as information supplied)

David Isaak, David Ross Beaudry, John Haggarty, Lori Parker, Steven O. Heidelback

3.0 New Student members from Nov. 21 to Jan. 16, 2011, (as information supplied)

Kaevin G. Quiambao, Efraim N. Belleza, Neil K.H. Labrador

4.0 Circulation of Previous Minutes (October 17, 2011)

The minutes from the previous general meeting were circulated. Minutes were motioned (Joseph Stadel), seconded (Jason Rako) and carried with all in favour.

4.1 Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None

5.0 Correspondence

Pearse Walsh - e-mail - Sept 26,2011

Re: appeal of Safety manager decisions related to the ASA's was appealable to the Appeals Board? Answer: It is not; Safety Standards Act s.33 (5) (a), (b)

Cynthia Tam – e-mail - October 12, 2011

Quote for purchase of lanyards (IPE) for members, and, 4Gb USB drives for the October Conference. Reply: Type and style of lanyards + silk screening + time and cost need to have approval from exec& membership for expense. USB's are in the same category and require minimum 4 weeks delivery once approved for art work.

Sue Martin – e-mail / fax – October 28, 2011

Re; Western Canada Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee Fall Meeting attend Dinner & Technical presentations November 2,-3, 2011. Reply: Eric Steinson unable to attend and requested that the IPE send a representative in his place. Dave Paulin accepted on behalf of the IPE note Motion is required Motion to approve the expense of \$ 150.00 for registration to attend.

Charles Konkle – e-mail - November 10 / 19/ 22, 2011

Re: IPE Spring Conference offer to give a presentation at the spring conference and forward links on thorium Power. Reply: briefed Charles on the theme of the Spring conference and tentative dates for the conference the links were forwarded through Art Smith.

Jim Young – e-mail – December 6, 2011

Re; engineers and electrical maintenance BCSCA Safety Standards Act and electrical endorsements asking for discussions at the January meeting. Reply: Referred to January meeting Agenda, in Legislation Reports + discussion / questions.

Dave Paulin – e-mail – December 12, 2011

Re; IPE Christmas Greeting

Art Smith – e-mail – December 22, 2011

Re; Spring examination period for BCIT. Reply: Referred to January Agenda in the Education Report.

6.0 Committee Reports

6.1 Area Reports

The next AGM will be in Calgary during the Calgary stampede. Attendees from B.C. will be given accommodations at SAIT. The AGM will take place between July 11 and 14 of this year. More information will be available shortly.

The “Bridge the Gap” initiative: One of the goals of this initiative is to get the IPE's status to be elevated. The head of the initiative is the national president. Eric Steinson is the vice president. Members communicate through Skype once a month.

Part of the initiative is to get the government to fund more power engineering seats since the demand for power engineers is outweighing the supply.

Also, the initiative is trying to get the Federal government to recognize the term “Power Engineer” in the national occupation code.

Another push is to make education for power engineers is standardized across the country.

The logo for “Bridge the Gap” was designed by Jason Rako.

6.2 Treasurer’s Report

Our treasurer, Tim Haaf, is currently away in Fort Nelson.

All accounts have been repositioned and the signing authority has been changed. For the 2011 year, the BCIPE Vancouver Branch Financial Report for the NIPE has been done and it will be sent back east once the auditors have signed off on the accounting report.

Budgets for 2012 are ready; both Operations Budget and Promotions Budget are under review by the executive for submission to the NIPE.

Approval of the treasurer’s report was motioned (Ryan Minchin), seconded (Art Smith) and thus carried.

6.3 Employment

Farshad Foroughi and Bob Norton are in charge of the employment. Expiration dates are now being posted and older postings are being removed. Positions are expected to increase. There are a total of 22 current jobs. There are some part time summer jobs which can be of interest to BCIT Tech students.

Please e-mail fourth and third class jobs to Farshad Foroughi (fforoughi@telus.net) and second and first class jobs to Bob Norton (steamer48@shaw.ca).

6.4 Membership

Art Smith notes that the NIPE's Bank in Burlington is refusing to cash BC IPE cheques. There is a problem of cheques issued to an incorrect account. Cheques should be addressed to the "**Institute of Power Engineers**" and not "**BC IPE**". Changes were made to the application forms and to the website.

Art Smith also notes that there is not enough activity on the website. There are some difficulties on signing up on the website according to Art. People are not reading the instructions. Art will make it in box form.

Members are stating that the activation e-mails are not being sent out.

6.5 Legislation

Nothing to report.

6.6 Education

Efforts are still being made to try to bridge the gap for power engineers to get mechanical degrees.

The BCIT Steam Plant still has some issues to be worked out. There is a four week firing time program (\$3500). It has stringent requirements and there is a lineup for the program. You must have pass the government part A with 80% or higher. The program is approved and is no longer a pilot project.

It was noted that Syncrude has stated that they don't need students at the moment. There is no fourth-class course at Syncrude. Joseph Stadel thinks that the industry has slowed down.

6.7 Student Reports

The Power and Process students have written their A1 and are preparing for A2 and studying for B1. General program students are postponing the exams in order to ensure they know the material. Both the Power and Process and Technical students will be writing on January 26.

6.8 Website Report

To be discussed, in depth, after the coffee break.

6.9 Presentations , conferences, seminars

Doug Bramley will be conducting a BCSCA “Tech Talk”. The topic will be confirmed prior to the presentation at the February 20th 2012 IPE meeting.

The next education conference (spring) will be March 24 and will address the topic of indoor air quality. Presenters will be demonstrating modern equipment. Remedial topics will be discussed. Controls and equipment will also be discussed. There is room for up to 50 attendees. Registration is on the website.

Buildex Vancouver will be coming in February (8th and 9th). This information and trade show deals with a variety of building topics (including equipment). Admission is free, but you must register either at the show, fax , online, or by mail at www.buildexvancouver.com

Other courses, offered by BCIT, were also discussed.

7.0 New Business

From Reports:

Motion: “ That the membership approve the expense of \$ 150.00 for the registration for the attendance to the Western Canada Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee meeting.”

Motion was moved, seconded and carried with none opposed.

Motion: “That membership approve / cover the initial expenses for the March 2012 IPE conference of up to but not to exceed \$ 1500.00 and paid in \$ 500.00 Draws as required.”

Motion was moved, seconded and carried with none opposed.

From the Executive

As directed by the membership the executive has appointed the AUDITORS for 2012 and they are: Martin Vine PE, & Dave Ewanhook PE.

The Bylaw Committee: The three members of the committee to start discussions in March 2012 are Peter Rubben, Robert Doberstein, and student John Gao

The executive is reviewing the current Standing Committees profile with the intention of strengthening each committee by member participation. We will be deleting a couple of the committees and asking all current members participating on these committees to continue in their leadership roles, for the 2012 term and thank them for their continued support and participation. As a result, the Professionalism Committee is now defunct.

8.0 Coffee Break

9.0 Website Discussion

A great deal of discussion took place regarding the website. The following points were discussed:

1. Changing “Sign In” (located in the top navigation bar) to “Join”.
2. The registration process must be made clearer. Members note that only basic information (user name, e-mail, password) should be requested during the initial sign up process.
3. The registration page needs a blurb on what the membership signup includes. The distinction has to be made between guests and paid membership.

10.0 Adjournment:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be held on February 20, 2012 at 110-2250 Boundary, Rd. Burnaby, B.C.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jason Rako, PE
Assistant Secretary
The British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers**