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## GENERAL MEETING

Trauma Tech – Boundary and Lougheed

Monday March 19, 2012

Chairman: Dave Paulin, PE

Secretary: Eric Steinson, PE for Randy Noel, PE

Treasurer: Tim Haaf, PE

Chairman Dave Paulin, PE called the meeting to order at 1906 hrs.

Attendance: Eric Steinson, Dave Paulin, Tim Haaf, Ken Hull, Martin Vine, Ben Szmuklerz, Robert Doberstein, Art Smith, Ryan Minchin, Grant Harrison, Jim Young, Gordie Gully, Peter Rubben, Dylan Dishman, Mike Beveridge, Ricky Williams, Farshad Foroughi, Paul Kwan, Brian Widmer, Gordon Beriault

### 1.0 Approval of Agenda

M/S/C to approve agenda.

### 2.0 Introduction of New Members and Guests:

Regular: Ken Hull, PE and Brian Widmer, PE

### 3.0 Approval of Previous Minutes:

M/S/C to approve minutes of February 20, 2012 General Meeting with corrections to the spelling of Robert Doberstein's name and the mention of Student Member, Jie Huang

### 4.0 Business Arising from Previous Minutes:

None

### 5.0 Correspondence:

5.1 Canada post – NIPE re: member insurance offering with Waterloo Insurance

5.2 email – BCIT Catherine Wilkinson re: update on student funding and mentorship program and applications

5.3 email – NIPE re: update of 2012 roster

5.4 email – BCIPE re: notice to membership of April Dinner presentation and tour registration

5.5 email – NIPE re: BCIPE membership update

5.6 email – NIPE re: membership service records update

M/S/C to accept Correspondence Report

## 6.0 Reports:

### Treasurer

Tim Haaf presented the treasurer's report. **M/S/C** to approve \$100 expenditure for accounting software. Tim will be checking on the status of the Student Account. **M/S/C** to accept treasurer's report.

### Executive Report

Refined and approved the budget for 2012.

Dave discussed the details of the April meeting which includes a dinner presentation at the White Spot restaurant at Georgia and Cardero and a tour of the Vancouver Convention Centre.

Dave encouraged members of the Safety, Education and Bylaw Committees to get together at least once before May 7, 2012.

### Area Representative

Eric talked about Jude Rankin, National IPE President opening the first Session at GetEnergyCanada this week in Calgary. His presentation includes the following:

The I.P.E and the Shortage of Power Engineers

Purpose: To find a solution to the shortage of Power Engineers

Method: The I P E is working with Industry, colleges and government to identify areas of shortages.

- The I P E is coordinating efforts to increase the number of certified courses of Power Engineering. Examples are the support for BCIT technologist course and the survey for the need of a St. Lawrence College course.
- The I P E is promoting Power Engineering with the use of videos – existing and new ones.
- The I P E is increasing the opportunities to get qualifying time (Fourth and Third Class level) by coordinating between industry and colleges finding placements. We aim to supply a One Stop Shop for placements.
- The I P E is increasing assistance to Power Engineers in acquiring certification (Second and First Class level). Examples are student awards, agreement with Pan Global to provide online study aids, and use of study group sessions in British Columbia.
- The I P E is promoting training aids such as the CATE Manual log book, authored by the
- I P E and published by Pan Global (renamed the Practical Skills Record Log Book).

Results: The I P E working together with industry, colleges and government to increase the number of qualified Power Engineers.

We look forward to working with you to help address this issue and help to Bridge the Gap. Contact us at [bridgethegap@nipe.ca](mailto:bridgethegap@nipe.ca) or phone 905-333-3348.

### **Employment**

Farshad Foroughi, PE gave a report of the jobs posted on the IPE Vancouver website. He mentioned that the idea is for our website to become the “go to” website for Power Engineering jobs in B.C.

### **Membership**

Art Smith, PE mentioned that it is time for many members to pay their dues. There was a discussion about advertising for memberships in the Canadian Power Engineering magazine. Eric will look into this.

### **Legislation**

Bob Norton is currently a member of the Boiler Technology Committee at the BC Safety Authority.

### **Education**

Eric Steinson, PE, Chair of the Program Advisory Committee for Power Engineering at BCIT has been invited to the PAC Luncheon on April 3, 2012 at the Downtown Campus. The luncheon is to give the Board of Governors an opportunity to thank Program Advisory Committee Chairs for their work. There will be a speech by BCIT President Don Wright.

### **IPE Student Committee**

Mid-terms are complete. There is an open house at BCIT on April 13 and 14, 2012.

### **Safety Committee**

Dave will talk to Doug Bramley about taking part in the Safety Committee.

### **Presentations, Conferences and Seminars**

The next IPE Conference will take place on March 24, 2012 at St. Paul’s Hospital. There will be a number of presentations on the HVAC/Indoor Air Quality theme.

The next General Meeting has been replaced with a presentation and tour on April 16, 2012. We viewed information on the IPE Annual General Meeting and Convention in Calgary on July 11 – 14, 2012 on the National IPE and Calgary IPE websites.

## **7.0 New Business:**

None

## **8.0 Boiler Safety Talk:**

Doug Bramley PE was away this week, so Eric Steinson reviewed the Vancouver IPE website encouraging suggestions for improvement. There were three:

- Put the password for jobs on the National site on the Vancouver IPE website Employment page
- Link to the ‘Bridge the Gap’ update from the Vancouver IPE homepage
- Create a Student page on the website

## **9.0 Next Meeting**

May 22, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at Trauma Tech, Boundary and Lougheed

## **10.0 Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 2106 hrs.

*David G Paulin PE*  
**President**

*Eric Steinson PE*  
**Acting Secretary**

**Date: April 2, 2012**