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STAMPEDE OF ITEMS AT CALGARY AGM

The 2012 IPE AGM was held at SAIT in Calgary during the 100th Anniversary of the Calgary Stampede. Members from all over Canada came to Calgary, stayed in SAIT student residence and enjoyed the festivities.

The board accepted the "Bridge the Gap" report. Going forward, "Bridge the Gap" will continue to work with industry, colleges and regulators, build on growing recognition in Nova Scotia and BC, expand efforts in other provinces by getting more recognition and IPE participation and develop IPECC and SOPEEC recognition and involvement. We also need to revitalize those branches with less than 30 members.

The oral hearing for trademarking the IPE logo took place July 5, 2012 in Ottawa and the report will be out on November 5.

A new application form is to be placed on the National website by October which can be filled out and submitted online.

There were a number of awards presented to B.C. members. They were the Service Award for Olaf Vinje, and Honourable Mentions for Jason Rako, Randall Hayes and Farshad Foroughi. Congratulations!

Next year's AGM will be held in Ottawa. Vancouver is scheduled to host the National AGM in 2014 and Nova Scotia will host the 75th Anniversary of the IPE with the AGM in 2015. This will be a big event that incorporates the release of a book covering the history of the IPE in Canada put together by the former National Office Manager Fred Billard. There will be a reunion held for everyone ever involved in the Institute of Power Engineers in Canada.



The National Board signed off on the Practical Skills Record logbook for 4th Class Power Engineers and the book is to be published in August in time to get into

colleges this Fall.

IPECC is suggesting the addition of basic chemistry to the 4th Class Power Engineering curriculum.

Technical upgrading courses are being developed across the country by IPE branches and these courses are to be shared among Areas and Branches. Suggestions are to develop courses beyond what is currently offered at technical institutes (e.g., sustainable management, advanced controls, etc.)

The Board formally approved the concept of www.boilerblog.ca, so we will try to get members throughout Canada involved in the submission of articles to this blog.

The National Board appointed Tim Haaf to be National Liaison with Pressure Vessels Operating and Maintenance Tradeshow Steering Committee.

Congratulations, Tim!

The Board also elected a new slate of Officers for 2013, including myself as National President.

Call me with any questions.

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Special points of interest:

- Working to develop solutions to the shortage of Power Engineers across Canada

Check the website, www.ipevancouver.ca for the 2012 Schedule of Meetings and a map. Do not hesitate to call or email the Area Director for B.C. for more information.

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