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The Vancouver Branch, IPE legislation committee members are Eric Steinson, Dave Paulin, Jim Young, Ken Mah and Doug Bramley. Earlier in the year we made an attempt to meet monthly at the Eastburn Community Centre. We were able to draft recommendations for the BC Safety Authority's Boiler Technology Committee that were accepted and will be forwarded to the Ministry for the next round of changes to the Regulation. Our suggested changes deal with allowing the Power Engineer to do the regulated work he/she is capable of doing.

Members of the Boiler Technology Committee and the BCSA will be meeting with ABSA and the Government of Alberta on Dec. 12 in Edmonton to begin discussions regarding the Trade Investment Labour Mobility Agreement and the standardization of our two province's boiler regulations.

I have been asked to lead an ad hoc committee dealing with incident reporting. Doug Bramley and I are working with the Safety Authority on how to get industry to report the incidents that occur with pressure vessels and we are also looking at how best to track them. In 2005, with nearly 73,000 boilers and pressure vessels registered, there were only 6 investigations completed.

The BC Safety Authority has the Horizon Project, where they are trying to gather input from industry and from their Safety Officers. I was invited to a session of the Horizon Project at Prince George in June. Other IPE members were there, as well. We heard about the Safety Authority's desire to move toward a more self-regulated environment and we provided our feedback on those ideas.

For the National AGM of the IPE, I invited the BC Safety Authority's Vice President of Engineering and Risk Control, Catherine Roome to speak at a lunch with the IPE officers. She spoke at length about the Safety Authority's desire to include Power Engineers in the decisions of the Authority. She also spoke about self-regulation.

I will continue to work with the BC Safety Authority in an optimistic manner, hopeful they are truly listening to our concerns.

Those of us leading ad hoc committees on the Technology Committees have been invited to a dinner on December 7 to meet with the Board of Directors of the BC Safety Authority and give them our feedback on the process so far. Along with other members of the IPE, I look forward to this opportunity.

Your President,

Eric Steinson, PE