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ACTIVITY AT THE INSTITUTE OF POWER ENGINEERS CONTINUES TO INCREASE

The 73rd Annual AGM for the Institute of Power Engineers was held in Ottawa in September and it was awesome. The Ottawa Branch did an exceptional job!

We have held off increasing dues for many years but need an increase in dues of \$10 in 2014 because we are becoming much more active now with many new initiatives.

One of the things we are doing more of is communicating. With Bridge the Gap we have had members across the country group conferencing on a monthly basis for the past two years. Now the Board of Directors are going to pay to start telephone conferencing on a regular basis as well.

Bridge the Gap's focus has been working with high schools, colleges, regulators and industry to determine the needs and shortages in education/training for Power Engineering. Then to address them by developing a video to promote Power Engineering and encourage more youth to become Power Engineers. Also, to enhance services such as access to practice exams for I.P.E. members to help enable progress to Second Class certification.

We hold Collaboration Days, which started in Ontario and have spread to B.C. This is the I.P.E. hosting a gathering of colleges, industry and the Safety Authorities to find solutions. A second Collaboration Day will occur in B.C. at B.C.I.T. on October 25, 2013.

The I.P.E. has positioned itself to recommend changes to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) to ensure the term "Power Engineer" is properly defined and used throughout Canada.

Practical Skills Record Books 5th and 3rd Class are now being prepared for publication.

The adoption of the Practical Skills Record by Provincial Safety Authorities for recognition of firing time has occurred and will be promoted across Canada.

Student Chapters are being developed and efforts are underway to better support these chapters.

An effort to have I.P.E. representatives attend all conferences where Power Engineering is discussed is underway.

We will need some help with brand management including the creation of a marketing package now that we have updated our logo and need to work to control its use.

We will be collaborating with IPECC and SOPEEC on the 2014 IPE AGM in June at Vancouver where we need a national vote on new not-for-profit legislation.

There is a lot going on. We are getting more Power Engineers involved.

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Special Points of Interest

- There is a lot going on at the Institute of Power Engineers right across Canada

Check the website, www.ipevancouver.ca for the Schedule of Meetings.

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