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## IPE Board of Directors improving Organizational Communication with 'Action Committee'

We are getting better at communicating at the Institute of Power Engineers. The 'Action Committee' now holds a telephone conference call each month. The 'Action Committee' is a combination of the Bridge the Gap committee and the Board of Directors. If there are five Directors on the call, final decisions can be made right on the call; otherwise, recommendations will be sent to the Directors for their vote in the form of Action Memos.

In the words of International Motivational Speaker, Carole Spiers, effective communication reduces the incidence of misunderstanding and consequent errors, and enables members to be more readily aligned to the vision and leadership of the organization, and to work more efficiently. This in turn reduces the opportunity for disharmony, discontent or dissatisfaction, and supports a healthy working culture.

On the call, Action Committee members are able to contribute feedback on problems that arise in different parts of the country. Lately, the group has been trying to help Tom Phillips, Director from Manitoba, work through the issues that arose when the Safety Au-

thority in Manitoba imposed a version of the IPE's 4<sup>th</sup> Class Practical Skills Record requiring applicants to fill out 75% of the book before applying to write their 4th class exams. Fortunately, progress is being made.

The formation of the Action Committee will really help to allow decisions to be made quickly and move us forward on new initiatives.

The Board of Directors have decided they are going to pay to have a Brand Guidelines Document built for the use of our new logo. It will cost approximately \$500 and help us in our efforts to trademark our logo.

We are looking forward to our 2014 Convention and AGM at the Delta Burnaby near BCIT in June. It will be a

combined effort with IPECC and SOPEEC. We are planning to hold a Collaboration Day event there, as well.

The website for the event is located at [www.ipevancouver.ca/agm/](http://www.ipevancouver.ca/agm/).

In an effort to attract more young people to the profession of Power Engineering, the IPE video was completed and posted online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O0DDufwm6kA>.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Burnaby in June.

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### Special points of interest:

- IPE Communication improved among members
- 2014 AGM coordinated with IPECC and SOPEEC



Eric Steinson at Western Canada Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee

Check the website, [www.ipevancouver.ca](http://www.ipevancouver.ca) for the 2014 Schedule of Meetings.

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