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REPORT FROM THE IPE AGM IN PORTSMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA Sept. 19, 2015

We started our meeting with the memorial roll call. There were four members on the list including one from the Vancouver Branch, Blair Boese. Blair worked with us at BC Hydro in the Fort Nelson combined-cycle plant and died much too suddenly, leaving us without the opportunity to say goodbye. He was a great guy and one of those power engineers who told stories of his work in countries around the world.

The first report given at the AGM was the National President's report where I spoke about IPE members getting out and representing the IPE at relevant events across Canada. One example I spoke of is the upcoming Industrial Application of Gas Turbines Symposium in Banff in October where Tim Haaf and I will be speaking about the benefits of hiring Power Engineers. I also spoke about the monthly communication taking place between Directors of the IPE from across the country, along with the use of social media, the national business plan, improving stakeholder relations and speeding up decision-making. I spoke about improving the IPE's

brand and finding ways to look like one organization whenever information about the IPE is presented. We are working to standardize IPE websites across the country and looking into engaging a marketing specialist to help us increase visibility of the IPE.



The IPE has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Interprovincial Power Engineering Curriculum Committee (IPECC). We plan to work very closely with this organization to help them advise the Standardization of Power Engineer Examinations Committee (SOPEEC) on matters related to power engineering examinations, curriculum and syllabi.

We have decided to combine the 3rd and 4th Class Practical Skills Record books once the 3rd Class book is updated and we are creating a short video to demonstrate how the book is used.

A Chief's meeting was held in conjunction with the IPE Convention and concerns were raised there about the standardization of Boiler and Refrigeration regulations. The IPE passed along these concerns directly to the Chair of SOPEEC, Joe Simms who happens to reside in Halifax.

Congratulations go to Dave Paulin, PE and the 2014 executive of the Vancouver Branch for once again winning the President's Cup.

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Special points of interest:

- Representation at events
- Practical Skills Record
- MOU with IPECC

Check the website, www.ipevancouver.ca for the 2015 Schedule of Meetings.

Do not hesitate to call or email the National President for more information.

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