



The British Columbia Institute of Power Engineers Vancouver Branch – Meeting Minutes



Date: 2016/04/19	SW1, Room 1045, BCIT Burnaby Campus	Meeting Called to Order: 19:00
Chairperson: Eric Steinson		Minutes Recorded By: Joseph Stadel, Edited by Jason Rako

Members in Attendance (PEs, *students*, guests)

Secretary was absent from the meeting and a sign-in sheet was passed around. The sign-in sheet is in the possession of another member of the Vancouver IPE

Agenda Item	Presented By	Actions / Outcomes	Motioned, Second, Carried
1.0 Introduction of New Members and Guests		New members were introduced. Please refer to sign-in sheet.	
2.0 Open addition to, and approval of, today's agenda		Jason Rako cannot make the meeting due to a family emergency; he will not be presenting.	M/S/C
3.0 Circulation of the previous meeting minutes		Note: Everyone was informed that signing into the Vancouver IPE website is required to access the minutes.	
4.0 Business arising from previous meeting minutes		Previous meeting minutes - problem with a quorum, however it was informally discussed regarding the course material, and the actual exam - there is not a correlation between the two (for example, Pan Global has info on welding that is not needed for the provincial exam - as well there are omissions in Pan Global. This has been brought up to Pan Global, and this was heard, and will be addressed in the future.	

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5.0 Approval of the previous meeting minutes				M/S/C
6.0 Correspondence		Inbound:	None	
		Outbound:	None	
7.0 Area and Director's Reports	BC Area Director's Report	Attended the Victoria Branch IPE meeting, and it was noted that the Boiler Branch Refrigeration Operator exams are difficult to pass for a number of reasons.		
	National President's Report			
	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer gave a financial report regarding IPE finances.		
	Executive Report	<p>Eric Steinsen and Tim Haff will be telling the people at the LNG Canada Export conference about what Power Engineers are. They have also done this at another conference in Banff, and Eric mentioned that they were well received - lots of people were interested in knowing what power engineers are.</p> <p>Ben B mentioned on this topic that we might want to advertise on some level what we are - mechanical magazines once or twice a year. "Are you interested in Power Engineering, etc." Ben mentioned he will write up and ad and submit it to the IPE.</p> <p>This will cost, of course, and Eric (past president of IPE) and Tim are approaching the IPE, BC Hydro, and another sponsor for the last third. This will be discussed at a General Meeting in the future once a financial report has been completed.</p>		
8.0 Committee Reports	Employment			
	Legislation			
	BCIT Students			

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	Education	<p>Info was given by Joseph re a Petronas (LNG) company gave to BCIT, which will be further discussed after the LNG presentation. The drift of the discussion, supported by some of the IPE members present who had attended, is that the Petronas company does not appear to be attempting to enrol Power Engineers, rather they want to take people back to thier home company and train them there for two years, at which time they will receive a fourth and third class power engineer certificate that is recognized by BC. Clearly some insight as to the intention of Petronas (wages, who is hired, why not hire PE's already trained, etc.).</p> <p>Wai Lam mentioned that there were many power engineers available from BCIT.</p> <p>There was some animated discussion on this issue.</p>	
9.0 New Business		<p>First aid training for students - \$40 (cheap). So students can sign up, take the course at Traumatech. JS to tell all the students tomorrow in the first class. <i>Update.</i> According to Jamie (IPE student rep) in a presentation given to students at BCIT at a later date, this course is free to IPE students.</p>	
10.0 Presentation	Eric Steinson and Tim Haff	<p>A presentation by 'Eric and Tim was given regarding what a power engineer actually is took place at the Vancouver Convention Centre and was called LNG Canada Export. Another video was shown regarding explosions, a heads up regarding the danger of pressure vessels.</p>	

Meet Adjourned (Time:)		Next Meeting: BCIT Burnaby, Room 1045 SW1 At (19:00)	
President:	Eric Steinson, PE	Secretary:	Joseph Stadel, filling in for Jason Rako

Appendix and Attachments