



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



Date: 2016/06/14	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)

Eric Steinson, Joseph Stadel, Ben Szmuklerz, Tim Haaf, Art Smith, Dave Paulin, Lee Denevers, Stewart Martin Vine, Forsythe, Barb Farnsworth, Judy Son, Adrian Tsang, Ryan Wilson. *New Members: Jason Miller, Richard Joseph, Vidi Abunda, Jonesto Garcia, Jun Xue, Ahmed Mohammed, Daneil Adaszynski* (new members added, but not present).

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 note – new members were not present.	
2.0 Open addition to, and approval of, today's agenda		Ben – sent in advertising info, see email sent	
3.0 Circulation of the previous meeting minutes		May 17 th , 2016 – circulated.	
4.0 Business arising from previous meeting minutes			
5.0 Approval of the previous meeting minutes		Approved with one against – referenced to rules of order regarding how the minutes should be a “draft” and can only be admitted as approved once they are M/S/C	M/S/C

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6.0 Correspondence	Ben Szmuklerz	Inbound:	Ben Szmuklerz – Advertising Info	
		Outbound:	None	
7.0 Area and Director's Reports	BC Area Director's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dave – correspondence – BCSA annual report brought forward (June 8th) - All power engineers pre-consultation report. - BCSA compliance and enforcement report for pressure vessels. - Ben S sent a doc regarding advertising and marketing. Info on how to get it into a publication. This was passed on to National who is looking into marketing research and branding. - Victoria branch meeting June 18th – we are hoping to have a Barbeque that will run together with our barbeque social event. - NIPE report (activities report) coming soon to membership. - Collaboration day Nov 18 – we would like as many members to come as possible. - We may like to do a video capture of this Collaboration - National AGM in October 15th – you will receive (in the mail) the proxy vote. You will need the right email and address to get this proxy vote and the “anti-spam notice (see next item). - We are putting out a notice regarding the “anti-spam law”. We have until Nov 1 to vote regarding this. If replying for membership it will also say besides paying your dues you can subscribe to this. - Next week we will have one of our members represent us in the IAGT meeting. - There will be a need for hundreds of PE if LNG goes through. Of note is some clarification of hiring “foreign employees”. There are some issues to be discussed (for example how many power engineers will actually work for a plant, how people will be hired, where they will be trained). 		

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	National President's Report		
	Treasurer's Report	- Report delivered by Tim.	
	Executive Report	- Next week we will have one of our members represent us in the IAGT meeting in Eastern Canada.	
8.0 Committee Reports	Employment		
	Legislation		
	BCIT Students	No report	
	Education		
9.0 New Business		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Barbeque info - Ben brings up the concept as a point of order of presenting preceding meeting minutes for our meetings as a "draft" rather than an official accepted version, and these can only be recognized as accepted if they are approved (by moving and being carried with voting). - New Societies Act discussed – this is legislation regarding our status as a society. We should review this to be sure we are in compliance. This can be done electronically. Changes are coming up and we should be aware of it. We have had a lawyer deal with this and we have accommodated this on the National level. 	

<p>10.0 Presentation</p>	<p>Eric Steinson and Tim Haff</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eric talked about (and showed us) the President's Cup, an award each IPE branch can win if they are able to meet the standards for running their branch best. It has been around since 1940 – we won in 1952 and a few times since them. Notably in 2014. There are lots of criteria that would have to compete with to best all the dozens of IPE groups. - Eric presented a topic regarding power engineer employment and requested info on how to get a job – what are some things that the IPE could do to help our power engineers getting work. Suggestions: an employment committee where IPE members could actively participate in looking for work for others; a website with job postings is also useful – note that this has been done in the past, and is not maintained presently – we are looking for someone to volunteer to do so. A discussion ensued about how it was difficult to log on to even get on this job board; also LinkedIn is a good venue for getting info on Power Engineer jobs. S. Forsythe has been approaching employers in BC and telling them that they can post on the IPE website. Dave asked why the website is not working. Who has this responsibility to take care of it, or should we shut it down? Ryan commented that anyone with a computer can look on line at a job posting website Indeed, but there are <i>many</i> people applying, and employers could be informed that the IPE has a good website to inform directly to Power Engineers (if it can be working). Peter mentioned you should attempt the old school method to actually go and see the Chief (skipping all the interview process) – s/he may have a job available. Another mentioned that there are very many people applying for any work available. Many more people (anyone with a computer) can access these job postings. - Paul Kwan gave a presentation on his company that employs 400 power engineers – oil and gas processing right here in Vancouver. Info was given on refining history and how to actually process oil to produce gas, diesel, oil products. Very informative. 	
<p>11.0 Safety Talk</p>	<p>Eric Steinson</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eric delivered a safety talk on the topic of Hot Work. 	

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

Appendix and Attachments

Letter from Ben Szmuklerz

Hi Joe,

As per your request here is the information that you wanted at last night's meeting in an email, see attached. I will comment on this for the directors and copy via email. Thank you.

1. I missed the last meeting on discussion re : The New Societies Act . The minutes did not show too much on this .I copied some of the changes in the Act from a law firm Bull Housser (See Attached).

A) The Act will be proclaimed in force in fall 2016. But we will get a transition period of 2 years.

B) New rules for holding members meetings and voting. " electronic voting and meetings allowed" therefore in my opinion members must have all information at hand to vote on and the minutes must give more info etc.

C) Members that are not at a meeting can make proposals at a general meeting. This requires signatures of 5% of voting members. In my opinion with the electronic voting and 5% of members for proposals, isn't this a form of proxy voting? Also how does a member get in touch with members for their vote etc. and what happens to privacy laws?

*** As I understand the IPE is going to get legal opinion on this and if not we should. We should know what to do and start the new Societies Act when it passes ASAP and not wait for the 2 year transition period. This will give us time for any errors etc. It looks like the Society Act is opening up for more communication with the members.

2. Please look at the Record Keeping attached. **[Please contact the secretary at jason@power-engineer.ca to get copies of these attachments]**. This suggests that we should have the minutes marked Draft and the minutes marked Approved. If we don't do this then what are the minutes sent out via emails and what is approved. The minutes are very important documents and should show more information. If minutes are ever questioned for their accuracy then they should be marked Draft and when passed marked approved.

Thank you for looking into these items.

Ben Szmuklerz PE