



BC Institute of Power Engineers Vancouver Branch



AGM Meeting Minutes

Date: November 15, 2016

Location: BCIT Campus, Room 1045

Time: 7:00 pm

Members in Attendance:

PEs: Eric Steinson PE, Paul Kwan PE, Art Smith PE, Tim Haaf PE, Lee DeNevers PE, Wai-Chung Lam PE, Dave Ewanchook PE, Daniel; Ralston PE, Jason Rako PE, Olaf Vinje PE

Students: Rainier Dominguez, Braeden Gore, Efran Atrchi, Andrey Cherratyuk, Sam Wei-Che Huang,

Agenda:

A Approval of Agenda

M: Jason Rako PE / **S:** Eric Steinson PE / carried

B Approval of previous AGM meeting minutes from November 16, 2015

M: Jason Rako PE / **S:** Eric Steinson PE / carried

C Business arising from the previous minutes:

None presented

D Unfinished Business

None presented

E Treasurers Report: Tim Haaf PE

The Treasurer's report for the year 2016. Report is unaudited – Statement is to October 31, 2016

Chair: Are there any questions on the report as presented None

Chair : Motion: To accept the un-audited treasurers Report to, October 31, 2016

M: Paul Kwan PE **S:** Jason Rako PE, / Carried

E-1 President's Report – Eric Steinson PE

President's Report for 2016,

The past year at the Vancouver Branch has been an interesting one. With the new Executive Committee for 2016, we have seen some changes achieved in a very positive manner.

There was a large focus on membership, the BCIT - PE programs and the importance of Power Engineers both with the IPE and the BCSA this year. On January 27 2016 a couple of members attended "Journey Into the Trades" held at Magee Secondary School. This was our

second attendance at the student fair to introduce grades 10, - 12 students to different trades and give them an idea of what trade careers are out there. While some of those students had siblings who are currently or previously enrolled in the Power Engineering programs at BCIT most had no idea what a Power Engineering is or what they do.

This shows just how important it is for the IPE to continue to be involved in events such as these to get noticed and create interest. The IPE is working on the Practical Skills record books and also working closely with IPECC in regards to the curriculum and exams. Clearly steps are being taken in the right direction in regards to the PE programs offered across Canada, enrolment is up with an emphasis directed on what the students need to learn to become Power Engineers.

In other areas we have taken a role to showcase Power Engineers, We presented another project of concern, where we again showcased Power Engineering at the Canada LNG conference held in Vancouver. The purpose was to raise awareness in the importance of hiring qualified individuals, in this case Power Engineers, to maintain and operate the scheduled LNG plants, in British Columbia.

With respect to our membership as in the past, we are fortunate to have had many BCIT students and other Power Engineers sign up for IPE memberships, but at the same time many some of our regular members are in arrears of their yearly dues, as a fellow member this is just a small reminder. It is important that all members work together to advance the IPE and sculpt it into an organization that benefits its members, in attending meetings and providing new ideas and feedback are welcome and encouraged. One branch event that was well attended was the annual BBQ at the Fraser Foreshore Park even though it was a rainy day the adventure was worthwhile as the Victoria Branch participated.

We also recognized several members for their accomplishments to the IPE with presenting these members with National awards, 2 very notable ones were the Life membership to Wai-Chung Lam and the CH Puttenham award to Tim Haaf & Eric Steinson for their dedicated work within the IPE and authoring of the White Paper on Power Engineering and the mentioned presentations at other significant events.

I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to all of the executive committee members and the membership for their support and contributions this past year.

Eric Steinson PE
President, Vancouver Branch

E-2 Area Representative Report – Dave Paulin PE

BC. Area Directors Annual Report 2016

November 2016

On behalf of the BC. Branches, we wish to acknowledge the passing of 2 long time members, Hal Peters PE – BCIT Power Engineering Instructor of the Vancouver Branch, and the Abbotsford Sub-branch. John Peterson PE, a member of the Victoria Branch, and honored this year with a Life membership in memorial. Both of these members were very active in their respective branches and will be missed.

This operating year has been both interesting and challenging with a mix of many issues, projects, and administrative reviews by the National Directors, all within the interests of the IPE whether they are Local, Regional, or National, they reflect our professionalism

Through this report there are several highlights. A few of these “Incentives and Goals” address focus on co-ordination, communications, promotions of the IPE, as well as initiative and goals in recruitment and sustained membership. Each of these has a very different approach to our sustaining the Institute of Power Engineers, in all a meaningful and worthwhile vision and achievable.

The BCIEP Branches through our members have shared their ideas, and concerns on many of these issues, initiatives and goals, by taking active roles in advancing there solutions.

Some of the major issues that have and are being addressed would include:

- BCSA Legislative and stakeholder discussions on Power Engineering and the proposals put forward through survey as to foreign certifications, and labour mobility
- Presentation of a “White Paper on Power Engineering to the AIGT and Canada LNG symposiums
- A focus on our membership by both the National and the Branches of the outstanding members who for various reasons who had / have not renewed their respective membership and stewardship of their chosen profession where without this support the IPE would not stand out as well with respect to industry, government, and the education community.
- In an educational focus we participated in the High School program of “Journey into the Trades” for students to review their options into the Trades.
- Nationally through our members on the IPECC refrigeration committee, have forwarded a number of issues that affect the refrigeration course materials which are utilized throughout Canada , this review by IPECC is being completed to assist Pan Global publishing to revise the refrigeration manuals used, and establish a better standardization of the industry across Canada
- The BCIEP has been notified by the BC. government Registrar of Companies that as an organization we are required to RE: register the BCIEP under the new Societies Act by November 2017, to maintain our incorporation an well as maintain the PE designation .
- Nationally the National Board of Directors are currently approaching a marketing Co. to design & implement a new web site and create a more positive marketing / branding of the IPE. This is a work in process and is to span likely 12 months.
- To address our profession and in concert with Industry, Government and the Education Community we are co- hosting a Collaboration day event to address some of the issues mentioned in this report.

In summary there has been a number of issues, initiatives, and administrative focuses from the Branches, Areas, and Nationally, that have taken all our volunteer members in these positions and each members stewardship in addressing these concerns and actions to the betterment of our chosen profession.

Thank you,

David G. Paulin PE

BC Area Director

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E-3 Auditor's (reviewers) Report
None Presented

F. Amendments to the Bylaws
No amendments presented

G. Elections of the Executive Committee

- Scrutineers appointed –Jason Rako PE, Lee DeNevers PE, Dave Ewanchook PE
- Art Smith PE, nominating chair:
- **President:** Eric Steinson PE, no floor nominations, - [Acclamation](#)
- :- **First Vice President:** Paul Kwan PE, floor nominated [Accepted - Acclaimed](#)
- :- **Second Vice President:** Wai-Chung Lam P.Eng. PE, [Declined](#)
Lee DeNevers PE, [Accepted - Acclaimed](#)
- :- **Secretary:** Jason Rako PE, floor nominated [Accepted - Acclaimed](#)
- :- **Treasurer:** Tim Haaf PE, floor nominations, [Accepted - Acclaimed](#)
- :- **Area Director:** Dave Paulin PE, / Nomination Letter [Accepted – Acclaimed](#)
- :- **Alternate Area Rep:** Peter Rubben PE, no floor nominations, [Acclamation](#)
- :- **Auditor's (reviewers):** [appointed](#) by the executive committee:
D. Martin Vine PE, David Ewanchook PE

H. New Business

2017 AGM set at: Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at 7:00 PM

I. Awards:

Life membership: **Wai-Chung Lam P.Eng. PE**
C.H. Puttenham Award: **Tim Haaf PE & Eric Steinson PE**
G.W. Smith Award: **Oaf Vinje PE**
Service Award & Crest: **D. Martin Vine PE**
Honorable Mention Citation: **Lee DeNevers PE, Barbara Farnsworth PE,
Daniel J. Ralston PE, Thomas F. Sloggett PE**

Institute of Power Engineers "**Presidents Cup 2015**" Vancouver Branch

J. Meeting Adjourned 8:05 pm

President

Eric Steinson PE

Secretary

Jason Rako PE