

# Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba's (ACEC Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. The YPC hopes you've been enjoying the warm weather, and perhaps even a baseball game with good company. As we draw closer to the end of the year, fall brings some of the most exciting events, including the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual YP Gala! Please read on for more information.

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## What is a Young Professional?

A Young Professional is defined as any employee of an ACEC-MB member firm under the age of 35 or with up to 10 years of experience in his/her field.

## Upcoming Events and Notices

- Save the Date! 5th Annual YP Gala Dinner



*Photos Courtesy of Canad Inns*

Please Join ACEC Manitoba's Young Professionals Committee for their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala Dinner - Rejuvenating the Heart of Winnipeg

*This event is open to all Young Professionals and Managers within the Engineering Community.*

When: The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre (281 Donald Street, Winnipeg)

Where: Wednesday, October 16, 2013.

Cocktails at 6:00 PM, dinner and presentation to follow

Dress Code: Business Casual

This year's theme is "Rejuvenating the Heart of Winnipeg". Ross McGowan will be our guest speaker, who will be sharing the strides taken and planned for revitalizing downtown Winnipeg. Ross McGowan is the President and CEO at CentreVenture Development Corporation, the City of Winnipeg's arm's length development agency responsible for revitalizing downtown Winnipeg.

The Gala will be held at the Metropolitan Entertainment Centre across from the MTS Centre on Donald, on Wednesday, October 16, 2013. We invite you to join us in making this year's landmark event successful!

Don't miss this excellent opportunity to build networks with young professionals and possible mentors, as well as learn about an important topic for the Consulting Engineering Business.

New this year! Payment for registration and sponsorship is available through ACEC-MB's website, <http://www.acec-mb.ca/young-professionals-gala>. Should alternate payment arrangements need to be made, please contact Shirley Tillett at 204.774.5258 or e-mail at [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca).

	Early Bird (until September 20)	Regular (Until October 9)
Individual	\$55	\$70
½ Table (4 Tickets)*	\$210	\$270
Full Table *(8 Tickets)*	\$400	\$520

*\* This event is rush seating. Tickets are limited in number \**

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available! Please visit <http://www.acec-mb.ca/young-professionals-gala> for more information.

- **ACEC-Manitoba October YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, October 1, 2013; 5:30 PM

Where: AECOM (99 Commerce Drive)

*This event is only open to YP employees of ACEC Manitoba registered firms.*

## EVENT RECAP

- A Night at the Goldeyes



On the evening of Tuesday, August 27, 2013, the ACEC YPC held a networking event at the new Clay Oven patio overlooking right field at Shaw (formerly Canwest Global) Park. Despite the hot weather, the sold-out event was attended by 50 YPs, making it the largest event ever held by the YPC outside of the annual YP Gala. In addition to attendees from the consulting industry, YPs from the construction industry, the manufacturing and supply industry, the University of Manitoba, and various clients participated in the event.

The Goldeyes may not have had a great night (losing to the St. Paul Saints by a final score of 11-4), but the attendees at the networking event upstairs sure did! The group enjoyed delicious

buffet-style Indian cuisine while watching the game and engaging in lively conversation. The event was sponsored by Mr. Mike Loeppky of Castle Mortgage Group, who was on hand to enjoy a few drinks with the YPs and provide information on his company's mortgage expertise and services.

The YPC would like to thank everyone who attended the event, the Clay Oven, and especially Mr. Mike Loeppky of Castle Mortgage Group, whose generous sponsorship helped make the event a complete success! The YPC hopes that these annual open YP networking events will help YPs make contacts and build relationships that will benefit all of our industries for decades to come.

## Spotlight on...

- Kristen Poff, EIT



"Confidence comes not from always being right but from not fearing to be wrong."

Role: Student Outreach and Mentorship

Employed by: GENIVAR

As a: Civil Engineer-in-Training (Infrastructure and Land Development)

Years in Consulting: 7 Years

Studied at: I graduated from Red River with a diploma in Civil Technology in 2008 and from Lakehead University with a degree in Civil

Engineering in 2011. I'm current enrolled in the Master of Engineering (Transportation) program at the University of Manitoba.

Why I love my job: I love the variety that Consulting Engineering provides; being able to take on different roles within the project team, solving problems and the opportunity to work with different disciplines.

What I do in my free time: I enjoy being active and outdoors. I like cycling, hiking, camping, and running. I also do Pilates and have studied ballet for over 20 years.

Song that best describes my life: Switchfoot – Meant to Live

Mac, Windows or Linux? Mac

## Call for Volunteers

### • Image Committee

The ACEC Manitoba Image Committee is recruiting individuals to fill newly created positions.

What is required?

- Committee members meet on the first Thursday of every month for a 1-1.5 hour breakfast meeting.
- The average time commitment to a committee position is 1 hour a week but may vary with position.
- General responsibilities involve attending the monthly meetings and email correspondence.

Engineering Display Organizer **(New!)**

Organize a display or event to be showcased in a public space that will promote engineering and consulting to the general public.

- Plan an event or public display that member firms and their staff can participate in to actively promote our industry to a broad, non-engineering audience.
- Coordinate efforts through our member firms for active participation from all levels: YP to experienced
- Organize the venue and space for the event.
- Help to promote the event through email, posters, and other media.

Social Media Manager (Formerly Chapter Twitter Manager)

Act as the manager and author on Twitter and Linked-In on behalf of ACEC-Manitoba.

- Write Tweets and Linked-In wall postings on behalf of ACEC-Manitoba including re-tweets, reposts, and original compositions.
- Manage ACEC-Manitoba's Twitter and Linked In account including bio and account.
- Invite members, committee chairs, board members, and members to share information and news via social media.
- Organize reports on Twitter and Linked In usage for members, committee chairs, and Board of Directors.

Publication Coordinator **(New!)**

Organize functions related to the annual ACEC-Manitoba publication.

- Set the vision for the annual publication and organizes parties to execute vision.
- Work with an externally hired publications person to produce publication.
- Organize contributions to the annual publication including members, executive members, and external parties.

- Organize editing sessions at key phases during the project for stakeholders to comment and contribute.

#### Speaker's Bureau Coordinator (New!)

Organize volunteers for Public Relation events specifically targeting pre post-secondary audiences.

- Communicate with high schools and guidance counselors on where there is an opportunity for ACEC-Manitoba to speak on behalf of the engineering and consulting professions in Manitoba
- Manage a list of volunteers and speakers for each event.
- Organize preparation and training for volunteers at our events.

If you are interested, or if you'd like more information, please contact the Image Committee Chair, Jomar Manzano, at [Jomar.manzano@tetrattech.com](mailto:Jomar.manzano@tetrattech.com) or 204-954-6800.

- **University of Manitoba Career Fair**

Are you looking for EIT or PD volunteer hours? ACEC-MB needs YOU to volunteer at its booth for the University of Manitoba career fair on October 10, 2013. Shifts from 3-5 PM and 5-7 PM are available. Please send us an email at [yp@acec-mb.ca](mailto:yp@acec-mb.ca) if you are interested.

## Other Business

- **ACEC MB Professional Development Seminar**

Please join the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Manitoba Professional Development Committee's event on October 4th, 2013. The topic will be "Managing Projects to Succeed" and will be presented by Mr. Wally Peech, PMP of Earned Value Management Services Inc.

#### General Information

The course will take place on October 4th, 2013 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Winnipeg Construction Association, 1447 Waverley Street. Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:00am.

#### Project Management Course Overview:

This seminar will develop an introductory understanding of the generally recognized knowledge areas and good practices of project management, including:

- Basic terminology and the project management framework
- Project management knowledge areas, and processes and interactions
- Factors leading to successful projects
- Stakeholders and Project Roles
- Initiating the project; the Project Charter
- Planning the project; the Scope Statement and Work Breakdown Structure
- Estimating and Scheduling the project
- Executing principles, and managing change
- Managing risk in the project
- Checklists, and making project management work
- Professional development and certification

The seminar will focus on the core knowledge and practices of project management, and develop both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. It will include project management from the perspective of the

project manager, project sponsor, and project customer. It will focus discussion and exercises based on a planned development and construction project.

#### Registration

Capacity is limited to the first 60 registrants. Cost for each participant is as follows;

ACEC Members: \$300.00 Non-Members: \$350.00

Breakfast, lunch and course workbook are included in the cost.

Registration is available online at <http://www.acec-mb.ca/professional-development>.

Pay Pal payment option is available. Confirmation of registration and credit card receipt will be forwarded.

Should alternate payment arrangements need be made, please contact the office at 204.774.5258 or e-mail [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca)

As ACEC-MB still incurs catering costs related to no shows, participants who register but do not attend, will be invoiced unless cancellations are received 72 hours prior to the event.

#### APEGM CPD Credit

Attendance at the course can be used towards fulfilling APEGM professional development requirements. One hour of attendance would equal one CPD hour.

- **APEGM Ingenium Conference 2013**

The second annual APEGM conference, *Ingenium 2013*, will take place October 22 - 25, 2013.

Events and activities include the New Member Luncheon and Certificate Presentation, a Wine and Cheese Recognition Reception, a Full-Day of Professional Development Seminars, the Annual General Business Meeting (AGM), Partners Program activities, and the Awards Gala Dinner and Dance.

More information can be found on the Ingenium website. [Register Today!](#)

## Contact Information

We thrive on feedback! For newsletter related questions or comments, please email [ypnews@acec-mb.ca](mailto:ypnews@acec-mb.ca).

If you'd like more information on the YPC, please contact our Chair, Kyla Kirk, at [yp@acec-mb.ca](mailto:yp@acec-mb.ca).

For additional information on ACEC Manitoba and the ACEC Manitoba YPC, please visit our website at [www.acec-mb.ca](http://www.acec-mb.ca).

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