

Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba's (ACEC Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. October has been a busy month full of activity and events, including the 5th 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

- How to Give a Great Presentation – Evening Seminar

What: Evening Seminar
When: Thursday, November 21, 2013; 5:30 PM
Where: GENIVAR /Smith Carter Architects (1600 Buffalo Place)
Cost: \$25 (GST Inc.) due at the door (includes dinner)

Are you nervous about presenting that important upcoming client presentation? Have you ever struggled at writing or giving a presentation? Are you looking to improve your presentation skills? If any of these sound like you, join us for our evening seminar on "How to Give a Great Presentation".

Our speaker, Raymond MacIsaac, has worked in interpersonal communications for the last 16 years. As an employee with the Department of Labour, Ray has had to explain complex labour issues to a variety of audiences. His 10 years as a Toastmaster, the world's leader in communication and leadership training, has enhanced his skills in regard to helping others become better communicators.

To register for this event, contact Shirley Tillett at cemca@shaw.ca. Please RSVP by Monday November 18, 2013.

As ACEC Manitoba incurs catering costs related to no shows, members who register but do not attend will be invoiced for the cost of the event plus a \$5 administration fee, unless cancellations are received 72 hours prior to the event.

*This event is only open to YP employees of ACEC Manitoba registered firms.
This event is eligible for one (1.5) APEGM PDH credits – Informal Activity*

- **ACEC-Manitoba November YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, November 05, 2013; 5:30 PM
Where: Tetra Tech (400 - 161 Portage Ave. East)

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

Events Recap

- **View from the Top: YPC Seminar**

On September 26, 2013, a small group of Young Professionals shared a table at the APEGM office with John Herbert. John is a Senior Program Manager at CH2M HILL with 40 years of experience in the design and construction of large multi-disciplinary projects. The primary focus of his career has been the water industry and the direction and management of large water and wastewater projects.

John discussed a wide range of topics, beginning with his education in England and including his international experiences in locations as diverse as the UK, Singapore, Malaysia, Barbados and China. He also addressed his time working for Associated Engineering, Reid Crowther and CH2M HILL, and the changing face of consulting engineering. This rare opportunity to meet with such a veteran of the industry was greatly appreciated by those YPs in attendance.

- **5th Annual Young Professionals Gala**

On October 16, 2013, the YPCs held their 5th Annual Gala at the newly renovated Metropolitan Entertainment Centre. The theme of the event was “Rejuvenating the Heart of Winnipeg” and featured Ross McGowan as the keynote speaker for this sold-out event.

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. Ross joined CentreVenture in April, 2007, but has always been a strong supporter with the revitalization of Winnipeg’s downtown. Over the past 30 years, he has been involved and collaborated with many public and private organizations. Ross graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Master’s degree in Landscape Architecture. Prior to joining CentreVenture, Ross was President of McGowan Russell Group, a successful planning and design practice. He continues to be actively involved in the development industry.



Ross McGowan gave an inspiring presentation on the work that CentreVenture has been involved with. He presented information on projects that have been completed, like the condominiums on Waterfront; the projects that are in construction, like the new Stantec office building; and planned future projects in the Sports, Hospitality and Entertainment District (SHED) of downtown. Ross is passionate about the work that he does in the downtown area, and will continue to focus on improving downtown Winnipeg.

The ACEC Manitoba Young Professionals Committee would like to thank Ross for agreeing to speak to us, as well as our Sponsors APEGM (Reception); AECOM and SNC-Lavalin (Speaker); Oldfield Kirby Esau, Stantec and Tetra Tech (Wine); and Internationally Educated Engineers Qualifications Program (Program).

Call for Volunteers

• Young Professionals Committee

The ACEC Manitoba Young Professionals Committee is recruiting enthusiastic individuals to fill several vacant positions. Please contact our Chair, Kyla Kirk, at yp@acec-mb.ca by Tuesday November 05, 2013 to indicate your interest in, or obtain more information about a role.

Committee Mission

To enhance the growth and advancement of the consulting engineering industry by supporting the development of Young Professionals.

Volunteer General Duties and Responsibilities

- Regularly attend committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM
- Host and prepare meeting minutes for at least one meeting per year

- Contribute articles to the newsletter and other publications of interest to the consulting engineering industry
- Commit an average time of 1 hour per week (actual time commitment will vary with position/time of year)

Requirements

Must be an employee of a YP employee of an ACEC Manitoba member firm.

Benefits

Develop both professionally and personally; increase your personal network; develop leadership, communication, presentation and meeting skills; broaden your understanding of the consulting engineering industry.

Events Coordinator (1 position available)

You will help provide young professionals with networking opportunities and venues to further develop their skills by organizing events in an effort to actively promote our industry.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan up to five (5) young professionals' events per year.
- Organize venue and catering for the event.
- Assign photographer(s) for each event.

Lines of Communication

The candidate will work with the Promotions and Communications team and the Young Professionals Chair.

Student Outreach & Mentorship (1 position available)

As a member of the student outreach and mentorship team, you will help facilitate the progression from post-secondary education to involvement in the consulting engineering industry and ACEC Manitoba.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Plan and organize up to two (2) post-secondary student focused events per year.
- Organize and facilitate the student mentorship program.

Lines of Communication

The candidate will work with the Student Outreach and Mentorship team and the Young Professionals Chair.

- ## Image Committee

The ACEC Manitoba Image Committee would like to thank all those who responded to the Call for Volunteers featured in Volume 5 Issue 7 of the ACEC-MB YPC Newsletter. At this time, all positions have been successfully filled!

Other Business

- ACEC Manitoba LinkedIn Group

ACEC Manitoba has a new LinkedIn page! This group will be a one-stop shop for all of your ACEC Manitoba announcements, including professional development opportunities, YP events, important notices, and much more. To join, please visit <http://www.linkedin.com/groups/ACEC-Manitoba-6500051>

Please note, the ACEC-MB YP LinkedIn page will be retired at the end of November. Make sure you make the switch!

- Annual Publication Released

Volume 4 of ACEC MB's annual publication, *Manitoba Consulting Engineer* has been released! *Manitoba Consulting Engineer* can be found on the ACEC-MB website at http://www.acec-mb.ca/files/magazines/mb_consulting_engineer_7.pdf.



- ACEC MB Professional Development Seminar

Please join the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Manitoba Professional Development Committee's event on December 5th, 2013. The topic will be "Project Risk Management: Best Practices" and will be presented by Mr. Gord Gibben, PMP of GPM Training Solutions.

General Information

The course will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2013 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Winnipeg Construction Association, 1447 Waverley Street. Registration and breakfast will begin at 8:00am.

Course Overview:

Project management can be defined as: producing a unique product or service within agreed upon time and cost objectives. Such an undertaking is fraught with uncertainties – threats which compromise project objectives or opportunities which provide additional benefits. Project Risk Management: Best Practices provides proven techniques to minimize the impact of threats and maximize project opportunities. Upon completion of Project Risk Management: Best Practices, attendees will be able to:

- Identify project risk factors
- Apply risk identification techniques
- Determine risk probability
- Assess risk impact
- Evaluate risk event scenarios
- Use decision tree to analyze risks

- Calculate mean costs of decision outcomes
- Use influence diagrams to analyze risks
- Prepare risk response plans
- Evaluate effect of risk response plans
- Identify secondary and residual risks
- Implement risk tracking and control processes
- Report risks to stakeholders
- Implement responses and workarounds to combat risk occurrence
- Close project risks when appropriate
- Prepare a project risk management plan

Registration

Capacity is limited to the first 30 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

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

Contact Information

We thrive on feedback! For newsletter related questions or comments, please email ypnews@acec-mb.ca.
If you'd like more information on the YPC, please contact our Chair, Kyla Kirk, at yp@acec-mb.ca.
For additional information on ACEC Manitoba and the ACEC Manitoba YPC, please visit our website at www.acec-mb.ca.

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