

# Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s (ACEC Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. We hope you've enjoyed everything that summer brings, whether it be a well deserved vacation, or the busy construction season. As fall approaches, two major YP events are approaching, the 6th Annual YP Gala and the Mentorship program kick-off! Please read on to learn about all the latest ACEC news!

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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 YP Events and Notices

- **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Young Professionals Gala**

What: Evening Gala  
When: 6:00 PM, Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
Where: **Qualico Family Centre** (Assiniboine Park Drive)



The Annual ACEC-MB Young Professionals Gala will be held **October 15, 2014**. This year's Gala will be held at the Qualico Family Centre in Assiniboine Park. Don't miss this great opportunity to build your professional network, and celebrate with other industry professionals! The event will begin with Cocktails at 6:00 PM, followed by dinner and a keynote address delivered by Jodi Moskal.

Jodi Moskal is the Chair of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and co-owner of MOSKAL Electric Ltd., founded in 1998 to provide electrical and network cabling solutions for government, commercial, and industrial clients in Manitoba. As a leading entrepreneur, Jodi has had the opportunity to navigate the complex and exciting world of engineering, construction, and the trades. Jodi is invested in the future of the City of Winnipeg, and through the Chamber of Commerce's BOLD campaign, she is advocating for the future prosperity of the city.

To register, please visit our **registration webpage**. Early Bird prices are in effect until **September 19**. Space is limited.

	<b>Early Bird (until September 19)</b>	<b>Regular (After September 19)</b>
<b>Individual</b>	\$ 60	\$ 70
<b>1/2 Table (4 tickets)*</b>	\$ 230	\$ 270
<b>Full Table (8 tickets)*</b>	\$ 440	\$520

*\*This event is rush seating. A limited number of tickets are available.*

## Sponsorship Opportunities

The success of the Young Professionals Gala would not be possible without the support and sponsorship of industry. Sponsors will be represented in promotional materials and communications, illustrating active support of the development of the industry's future leaders. Various levels of sponsorship exist to suit your needs. Please [click here](#) for more information on the opportunities available. Please direct any inquiries to Mark Warkentin, P.Eng, ACEC-MB YP Committee Member, at [Warkentinmm@mmm.ca](mailto:Warkentinmm@mmm.ca) or by phone at (204) 272-2039.

The ACEC-MB Young Professionals thank our generous Reception and Platinum sponsors:

### Reception



### Platinum



*Those attending this event are eligible for 3 APEGM PDH credits - Informal Activity.*

- **Registration Open for the 2014 Mentorship Program!**

The ACEC-MB Mentorship program pairs University of Manitoba Engineering students with industry professionals, giving students an opportunity to better understand the consulting industry. It is a great opportunity to give back, gain volunteer (or continuing development) hours, and have an impact on a future engineer's career.

Mentor recruitment has launched for the upcoming year and we invite you to visit [ACEC-MB](#) for more information or to access the [mentor application form](#). The program is open to any employee of an ACEC member firm, regardless of background or discipline. All mentor applications must be received by **September 30, 2014**. For additional information please contact us at [mentorship@acec-mb.ca](mailto:mentorship@acec-mb.ca).

- **YP Committee Presentation**

Are you or your coworkers interested in learning more about ACEC, and the many ACEC-MB Committees? The ACEC YP Committee would love to visit and present to you over lunch! Please contact us at [yp@acec-mb.ca](mailto:yp@acec-mb.ca) to set up a date.

## Call for Volunteers

- **Young Professionals Committee**

The ACEC Manitoba Young Professionals Committee (YPC) is recruiting a new committee member to assist with organizing the annual YP Gala and Student Mentorship Program.

### 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**

- Attend committee meetings on the first Tuesday of every month from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.
- Regularly participate in committee-organized events, such as the mentorship program, breakfast seminars, or evening mixers.
- Champion ACEC-MB activities at your office.
- Commit an average of 5 hours per month (actual time commitment will vary with position/time of year).

### **Requirements**

Must be an employee of an ACEC-MB member firm under the age of 35 or with up to 10 years of experience.

### **Benefits**

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

### **To Learn More**

An information session will be hosted on **Tuesday, September 9** from 5:00 PM to 5:30 PM at KGS (895 Waverley) on the committee, the open position, and other ways to get involved with ACEC Manitoba. Our regular monthly committee meeting will follow from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. If you are interested in the position, please contact our Chair, **Lin Watt**, at [yp@acec-mb.ca](mailto:yp@acec-mb.ca) and RSVP your attendance to the information session and subsequent committee meeting.

## **Other Events and Notices**

- **TWICE Committee Event**

### **Leadership and Communication Styles:**

### **An Examination of the Unique Challenges Faced by Women in Leadership**

What: Breakfast Seminar

When: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM      Networking and Breakfast

8:15 AM – 9:45 AM      Workshop

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM      Q&A

Where: AECOM (99 Commerce Drive)

Cost: \$20 for employees of ACEC Member Firms\*

*\*Includes breakfast and workshop materials*

Being a woman in a leadership role has its unique challenges, concerns and trade-offs. This seminar addresses these and helps attendees discover their own leadership and communication style. Attendees will

- Analyze diverse leadership styles, practices, and models,
- Gain insights from female leaders and up-and-comers in the engineering industry,
- Strengthen interpersonal skills and emotional intelligence, and
- Understand the unwritten rules of organizational cultures and how to overcome barriers.

This seminar is geared towards industry professionals, at any stage in their career, who are looking to move forward in their organizations by developing the best possible leadership style to fit the position they want; and is open to anyone in the engineering industry looking to gain a better understanding of leadership and the benefits of diversity in the workplace.

ACEC-MB's **Technical Women in Consulting Engineering (TWICE)** committee is the first of its kind in Canada and was formed in 2013 to provide strategic advice on increasing diversity in the consulting engineering industry. Specifically, TWICE's vision is to foster increased representation of women in our profession and our industry. TWICE will guide the industry in the development of best practices for life-work balance and help facilitate opportunities to encourage networking, mentoring, and professional development for women in the industry.

To register, please email Shirley Tilley at [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca) by **Friday, September 12** as space is limited.

## • **ACEC Manitoba LinkedIn Group**

ACEC Manitoba is on LinkedIn! This group is intended to serve as 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>

## 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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