

# Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s (ACEC Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. From most, January is the start of a new year, but for ACEC Manitoba, it comes in March. The 2014 – 2015 year brings a number of changes to the Young Professionals Committee, with some of our long-standing members stepping back, and others rising to meet new challenges. In particular, we’d like to offer a warm welcome to our new Chair, Lin Watt and Vice Chair, Kristen Poff! After months of preparation, the ACEC Leadership Summit is almost here, and there’s still time to register to attend this exciting event. For those Manitoba YPs who faithfully follow the newsletter, we’re happy to offer the chance to win one-day attendance to the Summit on June 19, courtesy of ACEC-MB. Manitoba YPs who act quickly and express their interest by emailing [ypnews@acec-mb.ca](mailto:ypnews@acec-mb.ca) before 12 PM, May 29, will be entered in a draw to win one-day attendance to the Summit. 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.

## Message from the Chair



Ah, May – mosquitoes are breeding, the grass has finally started spasmodically growing, and it's time for ACEC-MB's Annual General Meeting and committee turnover! It's my honour to take over as the fourth chair of the ACEC-MB Young Professionals Committee, to thank Kyla Kirk (CH2M Hill) for staying on as Past Chair, and to welcome Kristen Poff (WSP) as the new Vice Chair. 2014 marks our committee's fifth year of operation, and as such many of the founding members have departed or will soon be departing for new challenges (special thanks to Owen Van Wallegem and Kim Yathon, longstanding committee members who are leaving us in June). Given the departures, the theme for my year as Committee Chair is "fresh!" Fresh blood, fresh ideas, and fresh ways of operating. (Note – a mandatory component of all themes is that they have a certain cheese factor.)

In addition to myself, Kristen, and Kyla, our current committee crew consists of Amanda LaCoste (MCW), Andrew Van Delden (Hatch), Dana Bredin (WSP), Mark Warkentin (MMM), Mike MacKay (KGS), Tyson Ehnes (AECOM), and Vanessa Krahn (AMEC). We couldn't host this newsletter, the gala, monthly events, or the University of Manitoba student mentorship program without their dedication and general life excellence. So thanks goes to each one of them and you, for continuing to support ACEC-MB, even if it's simply by taking a few minutes out of your busy day to keep informed about our activities! We're always open to new ideas and new volunteers: email me at [yp@acec-mb.ca](mailto:yp@acec-mb.ca).

## Upcoming YP Events and Notices

- **YP Tour – The Royal Canadian Mint**



What:	Private Tour
When:	9:30 AM – 10:15 AM, Tuesday, June 17, 2014
Where:	Royal Canadian Mint (520 Lagimodière Boulevard)
Cost:	\$6

The YPC is organizing a private guided tour of the Winnipeg Mint on Tuesday, June 17. The Mint is a high-tech, high-volume manufacturing facility that produces every Canadian circulation coin! Established in 1976, the Mint has produced over 55 billion coins for more than 75 countries. Utilizing 50-ton presses, the facility can produce over 1000 coins per second!

To register, please email Shirley Tilley at [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca) by **Friday, June 13** with "ACEC-MB Mint Tour" in the subject line. Space is limited to 30 people.

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

- **Save the Date! 6<sup>th</sup> Annual YP Gala**

When:	Wednesday, October 15, 2014
Where:	To be Announced

Save the Date! The ACEC-MB Young Professionals Annual Gala will be held on October 15, 2014. Don't miss the opportunity to be part of this exciting event!

- **2013 – 2014 Mentorship Program Complete!**

The ACEC-MB University of Manitoba Mentorship Program wrapped up this April, bringing a close to a very successful pilot year. Over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the mentors who completed the year-end survey met a student they would recommend for a position at their company, and  $\frac{3}{4}$  of students stated that the program has increased their interest in a career in consulting engineering. We look forward to the 2014-2015 mentorship program this coming fall!

Thank you to all our mentors for volunteering their time over the last six months and providing the feedback we need to make the program even more successful next year. We have already begun seeking mentors for the 2014 -2015 mentorship program, and would love to hear from you.

If you're interested in becoming a mentor, or have any questions about the program, please email [mentorship@acec-mb.ca](mailto:mentorship@acec-mb.ca). All backgrounds and experience levels are welcome.

Keep an eye open for more mentorship information in the coming months!

- **ACEC-Manitoba May YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, June 3, 2014, 5:30 PM

Where: Associated Engineering (Suite 203 – 5 Donald Street)

- **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.

## Event Recap

- **Annual General Meeting**



The 36th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba was held on Wednesday, May 14, preceding the Annual Golf Tournament. The program began with opening remarks from Steve Reaburn, Immediate Past President, and greetings from a number of honoured guests on behalf of their respective organizations, including:

- Marcia Friesen, President, *Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Manitoba*
- Kent Woloschuk, President, *Manitoba Association of Architects*
- Neil Klassen, President, *Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba*

Following the opening remarks, Cameron Dyck delivered the 2013 – 2014 **Treasurer's Report**, and the 2014 – 2015 **Budget** was approved. Todd Smith, ACEC-Canada Representative, shared the **National ACEC highlights** from the past year, as well as upcoming initiatives.

Cameron Dyck and Steve Reaburn were pleased to present a number of **service awards** to several members of ACEC for their continued contributions. Those recognized for their service were;

- Cheng Wong, *Awards Committee*
- Kyla Kirk, *Young Professionals Committee*
- Richard Tebinka, *Transportation Committee*
- Ed Sharp, *Water & Environment Committee*
- Trevor Gluck, *Awards Committee*

The 2013 – 2014 ACEC-MB Board of Directors was introduced, beginning with the passing of the President's Gavel from Past President, Steve Reaburn to the Incoming President, Cameron Dyck. In addition, Brent Wall and the YPC's own Lin Watt were appointed to the Board. The full 2013 – 2014 **ACEC-Manitoba Board of Directors** is;

- Cameron Dyck, President
- Allyson Desgroseilliers, Vice President
- Alana Gauthier, President Elect
- Mike Houvardas, Secretary/Treasurer
- Todd Smith, ACEC-Canada Representative
- Steve Reaburn, Immediate Past President

- Ken Drysdale, Past President.
- James Blatz
- Ralph Kurth
- Rick Martin
- Jeff Rempel
- Richard Tebinka
- James Wall
- Lin Watt



*Past President Steve Reaburn (left) passes the President's Gavel to Incoming President Cameron Dyck*

Cameron Dyck concluded the meeting by sharing the ACEC-MB strategic plan for 2014-2015. The key areas of focus are;

- Continue to advocate for reducing the Limitation of Actions period in Manitoba to reflect the legislation in other provinces.
- Promote the use of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS)
- Enhance the profile of the Consulting Engineering Industry.
- Improve communication and build the relationship between Consulting Engineering Companies and Government

We look forward to another successful year!

## • **16<sup>th</sup> Annual ACEC-MB Golf Tournament**

"O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!" Tis the season for... golf? After last year's +27°C weather, all the golfers were expecting another beautiful tournament. But Old Man Winter had other ideas. In the morning, he sent a layer of snow and +8°C weather in the afternoon to Pine Ridge Golf Course.



As much as Old Man Winter tried, he could not stop the approximately 70 golfers from enjoying a friendly game of Texas Scramble. These golfers put on more layers than an AutoCAD drawing and majestically swung their way around the course. In the end, **Jeff Richmond**, **Nolan Klassen** and **Justin Wiebe** came out as the winners shooting a 6 under par. Congratulations to this threesome and a hearty congratulation to every golfer that braved the elements. Hopefully, we will see you next year (in warmer weather)!

## Call for Volunteers

- **Kidsfest 2014**

APEGM is seeking volunteers to assist with its booth at this year's Kidsfest on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Kidsfest is organized by the Winnipeg International Children's Festival, and features activities that are educational, entertaining, and accessible to children of all social and economic backgrounds.

Please see APEGM's call for volunteers at <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/> for more information, or contact Volunteer Coordinator, Vander Aa at [volunteer@apegm.mb.ca](mailto:volunteer@apegm.mb.ca).

## • Making Links Engineering Classic Golf Tournament

APEGM is seeking volunteers to assist at the Making Links Engineering Classic (MLEC) Golf Tournament on both June 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Please see APEGM's call for volunteers at <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/> for more information, or contact Angela Moore at [amoore@apegm.mb.ca](mailto:amoore@apegm.mb.ca)

## • APEGM Experience Review Committee

APEGM is seeking a Professional Engineer (P. Eng) with expertise in the Geotechnical field to sit on the Experience Review Committee (ERC). The ERC is responsible for verifying the progress of Engineers in training and Geoscientists in training by reviewing progress reports.

### General Duties and Responsibilities:

- Review interim reports provided by the applicant and provide feedback on work experience, and professional development, this is typically done online and training is provided.
- Participate in regular meetings with the ERC to discuss GIT/EIT issues and policy development related to this committee.

### Specific Skills and Qualifications:

- Be a Professional Engineer (P. Eng) with expertise in Geotechnical engineering.
- Be able to commit to reviewing files on a regular basis.
- Be available for meetings either in person or by teleconference.

### Time Commitment:

The committee meets each month for approximately 1-2 hours. Attendance at all meetings is not mandatory, and committee members are able to attend by teleconference if needed.

To apply, please submit a Volunteer Application Form with your intentions to [volunteer@apegm.mb.ca](mailto:volunteer@apegm.mb.ca) or contact the APEGM Volunteer Coordinator at 474-2736 Ext 223.

## • Other Events and Notices



What: ACEC Summit and National Convention

When: June 19-21, 2014

Where: Winnipeg, Manitoba

## Early Bird Deadline May 30!

The ACEC Canada National Summit is coming to Winnipeg! During this annual event, Canada's leaders in consulting engineering will gather for ACEC Canada's Summit. The event will include the Annual General Meeting and a variety of social activities inspired by Winnipeg's unique and diverse culture. Presentations will focus on business innovation and leadership.

For a preview of the program, please visit:

[http://www.acec.ca/events\\_awards/acec\\_summit\\_and\\_national\\_convention/2014/programataglance.html](http://www.acec.ca/events_awards/acec_summit_and_national_convention/2014/programataglance.html).

We look forward to meeting consulting engineers from across Canada this summer!

	Early Bird (until May 30)	Regular (after May 30)
<b>Delegate</b>	\$1,600	\$1,750
<b>Companion</b>	\$500	\$600
<b>Young Professional</b>	\$1,200	\$1,300
<b>One-Day MB YP</b>	\$400	\$450

*Early registration for activities is encouraged, as space is limited.*

Don't miss out on the special one-day Manitoba Young Professional rate! ACEC is seeking to increase attendance of Young Professionals at the 2014 Leadership Summit, and is pleased to offer a special one-day rate for all **Manitoba Young Professionals**.

To register for the **One-Day MB YP rate**, please visit <http://www.acec-mb.ca/>.

For **all other** registrations, please visit

[http://www.acec.ca/events\\_awards/acec\\_summit\\_and\\_national\\_convention/2014/registration.html](http://www.acec.ca/events_awards/acec_summit_and_national_convention/2014/registration.html).

- **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>

- **Value or De-value Engineering – A Case Study**

What: Professional Development Presentation

When: 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM, Wednesday, June 10, 2014

Where: Holiday Inn Winnipeg South (1330 Pembina Highway)

Cost: \$50

The APEGM Professional Development Committee is organizing a presentation on June 10. Roy McPhail and Darren Peters will present a case study and alternate methodologies available to reduce the risk of disaster.

For further details, and to register, please visit <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/> by **Friday, June 6, 2014**.

*This event is organized by the APEGM Professional Development Committee.*

*Attendance at this event can be used towards fulfilling APEGM professional development requirements. Participants are eligible for 1.0 Professional Development (PD) hour.*

- **Traffic, Parking, and Moving Fans at Large Spectator Events**

What: Professional Development Webinar

When: 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Wednesday, June 11, 2014

The APEGM Professional Development Committee is organizing a webinar that answers the questions, “How do event organizers deliver large crowds on time?”, “How do they minimize the frustrations of fans waiting for traffic to clear?”, and “What role can engineers play?”

For further details, and to register, please visit <http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/>.

*This event is organized by the APEGM Professional Development Committee.*

- **APEGM's Night at the Ballpark**

What: Professional Development Presentation  
When: 6:00 PM, Friday, June 13, 2014  
Where: Shaw Park (1 Portage Ave E)  
Cost: \$20

Join APEGM for a fun evening of BBQ and Baseball! A BBQ Buffet will be served in honour of the 2012/2013 APEGM Volunteers. After, the Winnipeg Goldeyes will face off against the St. Pauls Saints! Ticket includes BBQ Buffet, reserved seat for the Goldeyes game, and Souvenir.

To register, please visit <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/> by **Friday, May 30, 2014**.

*This event is organized by the APEGM.*

## 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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