

Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba's (ACEC Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. March, National Engineering month, was a great success for both ACEC and APEGM in Manitoba! ACEC hosted a wide variety of events, including the YPC's own Meet the Board event. 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

- **ACEC-Manitoba April YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, April 1, 2014, 5:30 PM

Where: MCW/AGE Consulting Professional Engineers (Suite 120-1821 Wellington Ave)

- **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 to set up a date.

Event Recap

- **Meet the Board**

On the evening of March 26, the YPC held a Meet the Board networking event at the Winnipeg Free Press News Café. The YPs in attendance briefly heard about the role of the ACEC Board members, what ACEC is currently doing in Manitoba, as well as a quick introduction to the Young Professional Committee. The presentations were followed by great appetizers and friendly conversation.

The YPC would like to thank all those who attended and contributed to the lively discussion, with special thanks to the following Board Members:

- Steve Reaburn - President
- Allyson Desgroseilliers – Director
- Jeff Rempel – Director
- Kyla Kirk – Director

- **640 – ACEC Manitoba Celebrates National Engineering Week**

On the evening of Monday, March 3, 2014, ACEC held its inaugural 640 event at the King's Head Pub to celebrate National Engineering Week. Over 40 people gathered over appetizers and drinks to listen five speakers deliver enthralling presentations on a wide variety of topics.



ACEC 640 Speakers (left to right) – Indra Kalinovich, Rick Haldane-Wilson, Jomar Manzano, Erin Untereiner, and Owen Van Wallegghem.

The 640 event had a very distinctive presentation style, turning generally subdued PowerPoint presentations into something very enjoyable and captivating. Each presenter prepared 20 slides, which were each displayed for 20 seconds, with the presenter given no control. This caused our presenters to be on their toes to keep pace with their slides. Our presenters rose to this difficult challenge and each gave a succinct and informative presentation that kept the audience talking well after the six minutes and forty seconds had elapsed.

Each presenter had unique backgrounds in engineering, which led to a diverse set of subjects. Erin Untereiner discussed Engineers without Borders (EWB) and how to get involved, Rick Haldane-Wilson shared how he was able to achieve success in the field of engineering. Indra Kalinovich reviewed her experiences working in the Canadian Arctic; Jomar Manzano presented on his experiences as an urbanite using Winnipeg Transit to go to IKEA, and Owen Van Wallegghem recognized the engineer's responsibility to the public.

This event was a tremendous success, with more 640 events surely to come. National Engineering Week focused on informing the public about engineering and this event spread the word about the fascinating things engineers do!

Spotlight On...

- **Michael MacKay, EIT**



“Whether you think you can, or you think you can’t... you’re right.”

- Henry Ford

Role: Student Outreach and Mentorship

Employed by: KGS Group

As an: Electrical EIT

Studied at: University of Manitoba

And left with a degree in: Electrical Engineering

Years in Consulting: Two

Why I love my job: Big Hydro Dams. They really don't get old.

What I do in my free time: Depends on the time of year and my mood. I'm big on adventure and I play a number of sports: Hockey, Wakeboarding, Rock Climbing, Golf, Archery, and a few more occasionally. I have several friends who I've been close to for a number of years, and my favourite memories often involve them. Time with my girlfriend ranks pretty high as well.

Mac, Windows or Linux? Mac. Everything at home is Apple. I acknowledge the arguments on how Apple setups aren't as flexible as some other, but Apple is consistently much more reliable and simple to configure than the alternatives.

What's the best piece of advice anyone has given you? Relationships, whether they be business, friendship or romantic, are all about honesty and expectations. It is important to learn to accurately set expectations with others of what they can expect from you, to accurately set your expectations to the reality around you, to be honest with yourself about your abilities, weaknesses, and boundaries, and then to communicate these things honestly with others. By doing so, you can greatly improve your own happiness, and also improve your ability to contribute to the happiness of the people you choose to have in your life.

Another favourite, "Courage is the rare ability to not experience fear in the face of conflict, pain, or danger. Bravery is feeling the fear and doing it anyways. You must repeatedly choose to be brave to conquer your fears, only then can you become courageous."

Call for Volunteers

• **Graphic Designer Wanted for Image Committee**

ACEC Manitoba's Image Committee is seeking a volunteer to fill the role of graphic designer. The individual filling this role would:

- Act as ACEC Manitoba's expert on our National ACEC brand and image by applying it to our various formats,
- Create branded documents and media for use by membership and ACEC MB committees
- Manage all visual standards for public relations events based on brand and identity guidelines.
- Work with creative tools such as Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe InDesign, MS Visio, MS PowerPoint, and
- Attend monthly Image Committee meetings.

Please contact Jomar Manzano at Jomar.Manzano@tetrattech.com if you are interested.

• **Western Canada Water 2015 Conference**

Western Canada Water is seeking YP volunteers to work on the Tours Committee for the September 2015 conference to be held in Winnipeg.

Responsibilities include the planning, scheduling and budgeting of tours to be offered. Volunteers would also serve as tour guides during the conference. Potential tour locations include:

- Lift Stations
- Reservoir Pump Stations, and
- Industrial and Municipal Wastewater and Water Treatment plants.

Please contact Dan Dankewich at Dan.Dankewich@wspgroup.com if you are interested. For more information about Western Canada Water, please visit <http://www.wcwwa.ca/>.

Other Events and Notices

ACEC LEADERSHIP SUMMIT 2014
DRIVING BUSINESS INNOVATION
WINNIPEG, MANITOBA



What: ACEC Summit and National Convention
When: June 19-21, 2014
Where: Winnipeg, Manitoba

Registration now Open!

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/program_at_glance.html.

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

	Early Bird (until May 30)	Regular (after May 30)
Delegate	\$1,600	\$1,750
Companion	\$500	\$600
Young Professional	\$1,200	\$1,300

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

To register, please visit

http://www.acec.ca/events_awards/acec_summit_and_national_convention/2014/registration.html.

- **15th Annual ACEC Manitoba Awards of Excellence Gala**



What: Awards Ceremony

When: 5:30 PM, Thursday, April 17, 2014

Where: The Metropolitan Entertainment Centre (281 Donald Street)

Cost: Tickets: \$200 Corporate Table (10): \$1,500

Join us for a memorable celebration of engineering achievements by Manitoba's Consulting Engineering industry. Master of Ceremonies, Peter Jordan, hosts this spectacular evening where a number of projects compete for Manitoba's most coveted Awards of Excellence in Engineering.

Reception and project showcase: 5:30 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Awards Presentation 9:00 PM

For further details, and to register, please visit <http://www.acec-mb.ca/awards>.

- **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>

• **PMI 15th Annual Spring Conference**

What: Conference
When: May 14 - 15, 2014
Where: RBC Convention Centre (375 York Avenue)
Cost: Please see the full 2014 Fee Schedule at

<http://pmi.olasoft.com/site/fees>

Since 1969, the Project Management Institute (PMI) has become the leading non-profit professional association in the area of Project Management. Founded in 1994, the Manitoba chapter (PMI-MB) is the local component of PMI.

This year's conference features exciting speakers including a Keynote Dinner featuring Tim Hague Sr., winner of the Amazing Race Canada. Also included are great tips and tricks to help Project Managers at all levels, challenging conversations, and workshops as PMI-MB celebrates its 20 year anniversary.

For further details, and to register, please visit <http://pmi.olasoft.com/site/Conference>.

• **Engineering Co-op/IIP**

The University of Manitoba Co-Op/Industrial Internship Program is your means to access engineering students and graduates in all programs and specialties. The program is ready to assist you, and can provide:

- Motivated students to advance your business,
- Administrative support for your recruitment efforts,
- Flexible year-round process to fit your industry, and
- Wage subsidies and tax credits for your bottom line.

For more information, please visit,

<http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/engineering/programs/coopiip/index.html> or email the Co-op/IIP team at coopiip@umanitoba.ca

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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