

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 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 YP Events and Notices

- **ACEC-Manitoba February YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, February 4, 2014; 5:30 PM

Where: WSP (1600 Buffalo Place)

- **How to Give a Great Presentation**

What: Breakfast Seminar

When: 7:30 AM – 9:00 AM, Tuesday, February 11, 2014

Where: WSP/Smith Carter (1600 Buffalo Place)

Cost: \$20 (includes GST), payment due at door (includes breakfast)

Does your career path require you to make presentations? Are you as confident and capable as you'd like to be with your presentation skills? Or is there room for improvement?

This breakfast session will provide you with tips and techniques to help you deliver a great presentation to your clients or community groups. You will pick up strategies to help you:

- Connect with your audience
- Build powerful openings and strong closings
- Make your PowerPoint more powerful

Bev Doern is the past District Governor of Toastmasters, an organization dedicated to building communication skills in the province. She is currently working with the Centre for Advancement of Teaching and Learning at the University of Manitoba, helping to certify PhD students in higher education teaching. As the Chief Thought Generator of A Thought Worth Sharing, she also offers individual speech coaching and interactive workshops on presentation skills.

To register, please email Shirley Tillett at cemca@shaw.ca by **Friday, February 7, 2014** with "ACEC-MB YP Breakfast Seminar" in the subject line. If you have special dietary requirements, please specify so in your email.

This event is eligible for 1.5 Professional Development Hours (Informal Activity)

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 prior to February 10, 2014.

Spotlight On...



- **Vanessa Krahn, EIT**

"Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time."

- Thomas Edison

Role: Events

Employed by: AMEC

As an: Environmental Engineering in Training

Studied at: University of Manitoba

And left with a degree in: Biosystems Engineering – Environmental

Years in Consulting: Two

Why I love my job: I really enjoy getting to travel for my job and I like that my job allows me to be in the field for a majority of my work. I have travelled to numerous small towns in Manitoba that I didn't even know existed. That and meeting new people all the time.

What I do in my free time: Well in summer, if I get free time I really do enjoy camping and in winter, I like to go skating and I play on a Ringette team (bonus points for people who know the sport)!

Song that best describes my life: Really? One song? I tend to listen to pretty mellow and depressing music, but I don't think that describes me.

Mac, Windows or Linux? Mac

What is the strangest thing you believed as a child? I don't know if it's the strangest, but when I was really young I thought all engineers were train drivers, I was super confused why they were always dressed in suits.

ACEC Summit 2014

Mark your calendar! ACEC Summit 2014 in Winnipeg, Manitoba



What: ACEC Summit and National Convention

When: June 19-21, 2014

Where: Winnipeg, Manitoba

The ACEC National Summit is coming to Winnipeg! During this annual event, Canada's leaders in consulting engineering will gather for ACEC's Annual General Meeting and a variety of social activities and presentations inspired by Winnipeg's unique and diverse culture. The event will showcase the Canadian Museum for

Human Rights, and The Forks, Winnipeg's historic and vibrant meeting place. We look forward to meeting consulting engineers from across Canada next year!

For more information, please visit

[http://www.acec.ca/events awards/acec summit and national convention/2013/summit2014.html](http://www.acec.ca/events_awards/acec_summit_and_national_convention/2013/summit2014.html).

Other Business

- **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>

Note: The old ACEC-MB YP LinkedIn page has been retired.

- **2015 Allen D. Williams Scholarship**

The Allen D. Williams Scholarship provides an ACEC YP up to \$5,000 to attend the 2015 International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) Conference in Amman, Jordan. The conference brings together consulting engineers from across the globe. Intent to Nominate must be submitted to ACEC by the YPs employer by **March 3, 2014**.

For 2015 nomination information, please visit <http://www.acec.ca/>

For information about past and future FIDIC Conferences, please visit <http://fidic.org/>

- **New Committee Members**

The YP committee call for volunteers was a success, and we would like to welcome three new committee members, Tyson Ehnes, Michael MacKay, and Vanessa Krahn! Tyson and Vanessa will be assisting with our events, while Michael will be working on the Student Mentorship and Outreach program. This month, we've included a committee spotlight to introduce Vanessa, and hope to follow with spotlights on Tyson and Michael in the coming months.

- **YP Committee Presentation**

Are you or your coworkers interested in learning more about ACEC, and the events and activities of the twelve 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.

Other Events and Notices

- **ACEC Manitoba Awards of Excellence: Individual Nominations Due**

Individual Nominations for the 15th Annual ACEC-MB Awards of Excellence are due on **February 7, 2014**. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement, Engineering Action, and Rising Star awards are being accepted.

For the nomination package and further details, please visit <http://acec-mb.ca/files/linklist/25.pdf>.

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

- **Professional Development Session with Darren Peters “Contract Risk”**

What: Professional Development Seminar
When: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Friday, February 21, 2014
Where: Winnipeg Construction Association Training Room (1447 Waverly Street)
Cost: Members: \$300 Non-Members: \$350

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s Professional Development Committee has announced their next session entitled “Contract Risk” with Darren Peters, President & COO of Oldfield Kirby Esau Inc. Seminar includes breakfast and lunch. Attendance at the course can be used towards fulfilling APEGM professional development requirements. One hour of attendance would provide one CPD hour.

There will be on-line registration and payment available. Visit <http://acec-mb.ca/events> for more details, which are coming soon!

- **Technical Women in Consulting Engineering (TWICE) Event**

What: Reception and Presentation

When: 6:30 PM – 8:15 PM, Tuesday, March 4, 2014

Where: University of Manitoba, Engineering Atrium (EITC E2, 75 Chancellors Circle)

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s Technical Women in Consulting Engineering (TWICE) Committee is extending an invitation to attend a reception, keynote presentation and networking opportunity in conjunction with International Women’s Day and National Engineering Week. The keynote presentation begins at 7:15 PM with Ms. Nadine Speirs, Owner, President and Design Expert, Metal Depot Ltd. Metal Depot Ltd.’s business directive is to supply specified materials to projects initiated by the consulting community. Nadine’s business relationships range from the basic homeowner, to Contractors, Architects, and the Engineering Community. She has gained the experience, tools, and respect to navigate through the inherent challenges of being a woman in a male dominated field.

To register, please email the ACEC-MB office at cemca@shaw.ca

• **Business Practices Conference**

What: ACEC Conference

When: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Where: Victoria Inn Winnipeg, Wellington “A” Room (1808 Wellington Avenue)

Cost: Members: \$150 (GST Excluded) Young Professionals: \$75 (GST Excluded)

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s Business Practices Conference Committee has announced the 2nd Annual Business Practices Conference and is inviting all members to attend the event. This year’s theme is “*Communication & Technology*”. The conference includes breakfast and lunch.

There will be on-line registration and payment available. Visit <http://acec-mb.ca/events> for more details, which are coming soon!

• **Energy Reception**

What: Reception and Presentation

When: 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM; Thursday, March 13, 2014

Where: RBC Convention Centre, Pan-Am Room (2nd Floor, 375 York Avenue)

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba’s Energy, Science and Technology Committee extends an invitation to all members to attend the 2014 Energy Reception and Keynote

Presentations. The Keynote presentation will begin at 5:00 PM with Mr. Scott Thomson, President & CEO Manitoba Hydro and Mr. John Fox, Assistant Deputy Minister, Mineral Resources Division, Province of Manitoba.

There will be on-line registration and payment available. Visit <http://acec-mb.ca/events> for more details, which are coming soon!

- **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>.



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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