



## YOUNG PROFESSIONALS COMMITTEE

Welcome to this month's issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba (ACEC-Manitoba) Young Professional Committee's newsletter! The negative degree weather is quickly becoming a memory and the geese are back. Do we dare acknowledge that spring is finally here?

This month, we usher in a new direction for our spotlight section. Effective immediately, we will begin to focus on the ACEC Manitoba committees so our young professionals can see what volunteer opportunities are available in our association.

Please continue to forward this to the young professionals in your office!

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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

- ACEC Manitoba/CTTAM Mixer

What? Networking Event  
When: April 24, 2012; 5:30PM  
Where: Flea Whiskey's Café & Billiards (601 Erin St)  
Cost: \$20 (GST included) at the door; Includes pool and hot appetizers!

ACEC Manitoba and CTTAM would like to invite all YPs out to a networking event at Flea Whiskey's Café & Billiards on April 24, 2012. Come on out, eat some food, play some pool, and learn more about CTTAM, and their plans to develop a new YP group of their own! Feel free to invite your YP client, contractor and supplier contacts and friends out too! This event is open to all young professionals in the industry who want to learn more about CTTAM!

To register, please email [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca) with the subject line "ACEC-MB/CTTAM Mixer" by Tuesday, April 10, 2012. Please RSVP for catering purposes.

*This event is eligible for 2.5 APEGM PDH credits - Informal Activity.  
Please provide 72 hours notice of cancellation if you are unable to attend.*

- **ACEC-MB YPC Meeting**

When: Tuesday, April 3, 2012; 5:30PM

Where: GENIVAR (10 Prairie Way)

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

## **MARCH EVENT RECAP**

- **Business Practices Meeting**

On Friday March 02, 2012, ACEC Manitoba held its annual Business Practice Meetings at the Niakwa Country Club. Member firms were encouraged to invite young professionals in their offices to attend, and this year, approximately 15 YPs participated in the meeting, the highest turnout to date!

The full day event began with presentations from multiple board members and directors on upcoming events and items of interest to our member firms. Owen Van Wallegem, the YP Committee Chair, provided an update of the 2011 campaign and a brief overview of the upcoming agenda for 2012. The Image Committee presentation, led by Jonathan Epp (Chair) and Jomar Manzano (Co-chair) gave a sneak peak of the new website that will be launched at a future date and time.



The meeting continued with a presentation by John Bockstael, Past President of the Winnipeg Construction Association on the "Quality of Documentation", and a discussion from both the engineering and construction field was brought forth. Further discussion of the issues will continue between the two professions.

It was a great pleasure to have John Gamble, President of ACEC Canada, and Herb Kuehne, Chair of ACEC- Canada, speak to the delegates on what the association accomplished in 2011 and what it does for ACEC member associations across Canada. A continuing topic of interest that has come to the attention of the professional community is the. Herb Kuehne presented the pros and cons of the New West Partnership Trade Agreement (NWPTA) and explained why ACEC Canada opposes it. John Gamble presented the activities ACEC Canada did this past year, highlighted with a video "Parliament Days", illustrating the day ACEC- Canada brought forth the issues and concerns we as an association have and foresee to Members of Parliament.

Our Keynote Speaker was Dave Angus, President of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce. He spoke about the "Bold" campaign currently initiated throughout Manitoba. The program is about thinking beyond the box and making Manitoba a stronger and better Province.

Dean Jonathan Beddoes from the Faculty of Engineering and Dr. Doug Ruth of the University of Manitoba discussed the "Engineer in Residence" program offered within the faculty. This program is designed for an retiring engineer that would like to teach and develop students for specific in the field experience in an engineering field. The program is also for an engineer who currently employed but would like to teach at the University of Manitoba as a part time employee. This purpose of this program is to allow students become more aware and trained in the field of engineering.

Harley Pankratz, Director ACEC Manitoba, presented on the "ACEC Manitoba Professional Development Program". This is a new initiative within ACEC Manitoba and in the near future will continue to provide more information to member firms. Finally, Dan Dueck, Manager of Development and Inspections at the City of Winnipeg, discussed the latest proposed improvements to the City of Winnipeg building and permit application and systems application.

ACEC Manitoba would like to say thanks to Shirley Tillett for organizing the event and for all her help on the day of the meetings. We hope to see have another record YP attendance at next year's Business Practice Meetings!

## SPOTLIGHT ON...

- The ACEC Manitoba Image Committee

*Brand. Awareness. Advocacy.*

The Image Committee is the Public Relations entity for ACEC-MB. We service the ACEC-MB chapter directors, committees, and members by advocating our chapter through print media such as our annual publication, utilizing the chapter website, at internal and external events, at high schools, and at career fairs. We also manage the unified branding and image strategy of our chapter as adopted from ACEC Canada and the other ACEC Canada chapters.

*Are you currently looking for volunteers?*

Yes. Our committee is currently looking for volunteers to help chair and co-chair positions, particularly for our annual publication, high school advocacy, post-secondary relations, online strategies, and community outreach.

*Why should Young Professionals be interested in your committee?*

Our committee is composed primarily of Young Professionals—tech savvy people who interact online, are graphically inclined, know how to network, and are passionate about what they do. We are the outlet for that Young Professional looking to create, organize, and lead.

We meet on the first Friday of every month, hold regular PR events, and provide media services to the chapter. Our committee functions run all year long, so if you are looking to fill those PD volunteering hours, we can fill that need!

*Interested in learning more?*

Contact the current chair, Jonathan Epp, at [jepp@teshmont.com](mailto:jepp@teshmont.com) or the co-chair and chair elect, Jomar Manzano, at [jomar.manzano@tetrattech.com](mailto:jomar.manzano@tetrattech.com).

## COMMITTEE OPENINGS

A number of ACEC Manitoba Committees are actively looking for new members, including the \*new\* Professional Development Committee, Image Committee, First Nations Committee, Institutional Committee, and Private Sector Committee.

These committees all offer great opportunities to get involved, meet new people, and make a positive impact on the industry! For more information on any committees or to get involved, please contact [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca).

## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

- 5th Annual Engineering Innovation Challenge

When: Wednesday April 4th and Thursday April 5th, 2012  
Where: Winnipeg Convention Centre (375 York Ave)

The 5th annual Rotary Career Symposium Engineering Innovation Challenge wants you!

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The Engineering Innovation Challenge is a fun and interactive engineering competition where high school students design, build and test models to achieve a certain goal while learning to work under a time limit and with peers. The Engineering Innovation Challenge Committee is looking for volunteers to assist them during the event at the Rotary Career Symposium.

For additional information please contact Mark Stobart (T: 284-8100 x277, E: mstobart@teshmont.com).

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- **ACEC-Manitoba Events**

- **MIT Annual Reception**

When: Wednesday April 04, 2012; 4:30 PM

Where: Niakwa Country Club, 620 Niakwa Road

Email cemca@shaw.ca for more details and registration information.

*As ACEC Manitoba still incurs catering costs related to no shows, members who register but do not attend will be invoiced unless cancellations are received 72 hours prior to the event.*

- **Manitoba Hydro Annual Reception**

When: Tuesday, April 10, 2012; 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Where: Winnipeg Convention Centre (2nd Floor – Pan Am Room, 375 York Ave)

Cost: \$105 + GST

The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies - Manitoba Energy, Science & Technology Committee extends an invitation to all ACEC Manitoba members to attend the Annual Manitoba Hydro Reception, introducing Mr. Scott Thomson, President and CEO of Manitoba Hydro. Please email cemca@shaw.ca to register and for more details.

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- **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards of Excellence Gala**

When: Thursday, April 19, 2012; 5:30 PM

Where: Winnipeg Convention Centre (375 York Ave)

Cost: \$150 + GST

Please email cemca@shaw.ca for more details and registration information.

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- **APEGM Events**

- **APEGM National Professional Practice Examination Seminar**

When: March 30 & 31, 2012; 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Where: Caboto Centre, 1055 Wilkes Ave.

Cost: \$280 (Tax Included)

Visit [http://apegm.mb.ca/pdf/PDNotices/Enews\\_PPE\\_March30\\_2012R2.pdf](http://apegm.mb.ca/pdf/PDNotices/Enews_PPE_March30_2012R2.pdf) for more details and registration information.

- Public Works Failures: What Went Wrong?

When: Wednesday April 18, 2012; 11:30 AM

Where: Viscount Gort Hotel, 1670 Portage Ave.

Cost: \$25 (Student Member: \$20)

Visit <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/pdf/PDNotices/120418%20luncheon%20notice.pdf> for more details. Registration is open online.

## 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, Owen Van Wallegghem, 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 <http://acec-mb.ca>.

Find old copies of the ACEC-MB YPC Newsletter at <http://acec-mb.ca/young-professionals-newsletters.php>