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Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the June issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba (ACEC-Manitoba) Young Professional Committee's newsletter. Please continue to forward this to the young professionals in your office!

The YPC would like to apologize to anyone who had planned to attend the "Manitoba BOLD" ACEC YPC/YA Networking Event last month, and did not receive notification of the event cancellation. If you had registered for this event and did not receive the notice of cancellation, please email us at yp@acec-mb.ca to let us know so that we can improve on this in the future.

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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-MB YPC Meeting

When: Tuesday July 10, 2012; 5:30 PM

Where: AECOM (99 Commerce Dr)

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

- Car Rally

What: Amazing Race – Winnipeg Style

When: Tuesday August 07, 2012; 6:30 PM

Cost: \$10 (GST included)

Meeting Point (start & end): The Forks (Under the Canopy near Muddy Waters and the Forks Tower)

Join us for a fun-filled, action-packed night for our YP Car Rally. A car rally is a treasure-hunt type of event, in which teams compete to find items, search for landmarks, or do other fun activities on their list. There will be prizes for the winning team. Bring a digital camera to log your list items!

Event Recaps

- Breakfast Seminar Series: Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor



Dillon Consulting welcomed almost twenty ACEC Manitoba young professionals bright and early on the morning of June 26, 2012 to an informative breakfast seminar on the first phase of Winnipeg's new bus rapid transit system, the Southwest Transitway. Dave Krahn, senior partner at Dillon Consulting and project manager for the construction of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor, delivered a highly engaging visual presentation, showing photos and videos of all seven construction contracts from design mock-ups to completion. Highlights included a discussion on the technical challenges of building Osborne Station in close proximity to active rail and power lines, and the staging for the tunnel construction underneath the rail lines between Osborne and Jubilee.

Attendees also had the opportunity to network and enjoy a hot catered breakfast before and after the presentation. Thank you to all those who attended, Dillon Consulting for hosting, and Dave Krahn for being kind enough to volunteer his time and share his knowledge!

- Annual General Meeting & Golf Tournament



"Passing of the Gavel": Bruce Wilton, MMM Group (President 2011 – 2012) to Ken Drysdale, Accutech Engineering (President 2012 – 2013)



"2012 Golf Tournament Winners": Lakeside Process Controls Team, with David Fuchs, Golf Committee Chair, and Steve Whitty, Tervita (Marquee Sponsor).

On Monday May 14, 2012, ACEC Manitoba held the 34th Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 14th Annual Golf Tournament at Niakwa Country Club. Bruce Wilton chaired his last meeting by opening with the accomplishments of the Board in the last year. He discussed four initiatives from his tenure as President:

- ACEC-Manitoba Image Development – This was achieved by working with APEGM and on relations with City of Winnipeg Councillors.
- Board Activity Streamlining – This was achieved by instituting Consent Agendas and Action Items to meetings and proposing the use of a fulltime Executive Director.
- Committee Structure Review – This was discussed and the recommendation was to leave the structure as is.
- Government Departments Initiatives Review – This was initiated with the Public Schools Financing Board and will continue in the following year.

Presentations were made by Dr. Ruth Eden on the Engineers in Residence Program at the University of Manitoba and Steve Raeburn on the Financial Reports. One of the main reasons for the AGM is to hand over the role of the President to the new, incoming President, and the gavel was passed to the incoming President, Ken Drysdale. Ken finished off the meeting by presenting the strategic plan for 2012-2013.

The Golf Tournament was held after the AGM, and was won by the Lakeside Process Controls team, which consisted of Roy Dansen, Dan Campbell, Blair Lyons and Brian Rocan. A total of \$2000 was raised for Winnipeg Harvest, ACEC-Manitoba's charity of choice! Thank you to all our sponsors and the golf committee for another successful tournament!

Spotlight on...

- Lin Watt, E.I.T.

"The best way to predict the future is to invent it" - Alan Kay

Role: Events & University Liaison Support

Employed by: Dillon Consulting

As a: Water and Wastewater Systems Design Engineer in Training

Studied at: University of British Columbia

And left with a degree in: Chemical Engineering (Process Option)

Years in Consulting: One

Why I love my job: The people -- clients and coworkers alike: I really enjoy working with people who genuinely enjoy what they do, make real positive impacts on others, and accomplish some pretty neat technical feats along the way!

What I do in my free time: A tie between geeky strategy board games and rock climbing.

Song that best describes your life: Belle & Sebastian - Piazza, New York Catcher

Mac, Windows or Linux? Linux if I could, but Windows over Mac any day of the week.

Would you rather go back or forward in time? Forward for sure. I think we're living in a pretty exciting time, and I can't wait to see where globalization and our rapidly advancing technologies take us. Also, I'm really hoping to get my next degree from Starfleet Academy.



- The ACEC Energy, Science and Technology Committee

Energy, Science, Technology.

The Energy, Science and Technology (EST) Committee identifies new business opportunities, and liaises with key clients in the energy, science and technology areas, including Manitoba Hydro.

Are you currently looking for volunteers?

Yes!

Why should Young Professionals be interested in your committee?

We are interested in working with the Young Professionals to potentially co-host a session or two on renewable energy issues in the province.

Interested in learning more?

Please contact Margo Shaw by e-mail: margo_shaw@golder.com; or telephone: (204) 594-9113.

Survey

Psssst! Are you a young professional? Then we want to hear from you! Please take our short survey (< 5 min) regarding our event planning and communications at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8XFV2XC>. The information you supply will be used to continue planning great events to better serve our Manitoba YPs.

Other Business

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, Owen Van Wallegem, 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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