



# Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to this month's issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba (ACEC-Manitoba) Young Professional Committee's newsletter! Have you heard? We're now on LinkedIn®! Join our group to get updates on group events, participate in or start discussions, and connect with other young professionals in consulting engineering.

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

- 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!

To register, contact Shirley Tillett at [cemca@shaw.ca](mailto:cemca@shaw.ca). Please RSVP by Friday August 03, 2012. If you are unable to attend after registering, please provide 72 hours notice of cancellation.

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

- ACEC-MB YPC Meeting

- When: Tuesday August 14, 2012; 5:30 PM  
Where: Dillon Consulting (1558 Willson Place)

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

## ACEC Summit Recap

The ACEC-Canada National Summit was held from June 21-23, 2012 in beautiful Prince Edward Island. This year's theme was *Connecting Leaders, Driving Business*. Bruce Wilton (ACEC-MB Past Chair), Todd Smith (ACEC MB's liaison to the ACEC Canada Board), Owen Van Wallegghem (ACEC-MB YPC Chair), Kyle Shymko (ACEC-MB Image Committee member) and Shirley Tillett (ACEC MB's Executive Director) represented Manitoba at this year's event.



Joint sessions included a keynote address on the speed of innovation, a market trends panel, a panel on risks to our businesses and industry, a presentation on changing demographics, and presentations from each provincial and territorial organization regarding their successes and challenges over the past year.

The keynote speaker was futurist and innovation expert, Jim Carroll, who discussed the ever-increasing growth of knowledge and pace of change in the industry today and in the future. Jim stressed that "the future belongs to those who are fast", and the greatest success will be achieved by those with the ability to quickly recognize and understand new ideas and opportunities, and have the courage to take risks.

The YP sessions included a round table, hosted by the leader of the ACEC National YP Network, Simon Davidson, where YPs were encouraged to discuss issues, challenges and opportunities faced by the YPs in the consulting industry. Another YP session, led by *Professional Integral Coach™*, Cam Greg, focused on choosing your career path as either a future manager or technical expert. The third YP session, led by Andrew Steeves, presented advice and a number of helpful tips on developing lasting professional relationships with clients.

In addition to the many presentations and discussions, the Summit also played host to a number of social and networking events. These events provided attendees with the opportunity to make connections with industry leaders and YPs from right across the country.

Next year's Summit will be held at Lake Louise, Alberta. For more information on the Summit, please visit the ACEC Canada website at [http://www.acec.ca/en/events/summit\\_national\\_convention/snc2012/2012\\_index.asp](http://www.acec.ca/en/events/summit_national_convention/snc2012/2012_index.asp). And remember, you are all encouraged to attend!



## Spotlight on...

- The ACEC Manitoba Water & Environment Committee

### *Water Business Relationships.*

We focus on the water and environmental consulting business to promote relationships between member firms and clients, promote cordial relationships among consulting firms and foster the interchange of professional, management and business experience and information.

### *Are you currently looking for volunteers?*

Yes! The goal is to have membership from each firm active in the practice area. A few firms are not currently represented.

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

The committee focuses on business relations, which is vital component of the consulting business, and of interest to anyone pursuing a long-term career in the business.

### *Interested in learning more?*

Please contact Ed Sharp by e-mail: [ed.sharp@ch2m.com](mailto:ed.sharp@ch2m.com); or telephone: (204) 488-2214.

## 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.

## 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 Wallegem, 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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