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Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba's (ACEC-Manitoba) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. We are currently accepting self-nominations for new members! Please read on to find out how you could be on our committee!

If you haven't already joined our LinkedIn® group, please do so and, of course, please continue to forward this newsletter 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

- Amazing Race – Winnipeg Style

What:	Car Rally
When:	Thursday, May 23, 2013; 6:30 PM
Where:	The Forks (Start & End Point: under the Canopy near Muddy Waters and the Forks Tower)
Cost:	\$10 (GST inc.) due at the starting point

Join us for a fun-filled, action-packed night at 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. Please RSVP by Friday May 17, 2013.

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 Manitoba's YPC Meeting

When: Tuesday May 07, 2013; 5:30 PM

Where: MCW/AGE Consulting Professional Engineers (210-1821 Wellington Ave.)

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

April Event Recap

On April 18, 2013, sixteen young professionals came together to hear about Ralph Kurth's experiences working overseas. Ralph is President and CEO of Teshmont Consultants LP. Teshmont is recognized worldwide for their HVDC expertise and have provided services to clients around the world.

Ralph began his career at Teshmont as a summer student and, upon full time employment, was given the exciting opportunity to work in China. Teshmont was involved in a Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) contract from 1986-1996, which comprised of a long range generation and transmission plan for China. This comprehensive study covered all provinces across China. Ralph was in charge of developing a database application for the project to house the massive amounts of data required to undertake the multi-year study.

Ralph was also involved in a 300 MW HVDC interconnection between Thailand and Malaysia. Teshmont was the owner's engineer for the Electricity Generating Authority of Thailand (EGAT) and TNB, Malaysia's main energy provider. This project consisted of system studies to determine ratings and develop high level design. Ralph also spent time in Germany conducting equipment testing with the supplier Siemens, and was also on site in Malaysia as the commissioning supervisor to monitor testing of the equipment, subsystems and ultimate overall system.

The YPs not only found the projects that Ralph was involved with extremely interesting, but also enjoyed Ralph's personal accounts of living and working abroad. His pictures and stories of his family's experiences were captivating. Although there were challenges with the projects and cultural differences, Ralph gained skills and experiences that he still uses today. He let the YPs know that stepping outside our comfort zone can be rewarding in many ways!

YP Committee Nominations

ACEC Manitoba's YP Committee is now accepting self-nominations for new members! We are looking for energetic, creative YPs who will help plan events, develop communications activities, reach out to members in Manitoba, and engage with other YPs on their route to leadership in the engineering industry.

To apply for consideration, please email the YP Committee at yp@acec-mb.ca. Nominations are to include the following information:

- Nominee's name, job title, employer, and number of years of experience in the consulting engineering industry.
- A brief statement (300-500 words) from the nominee explaining why they are interested in the position and what they will contribute to YPC.

Nominations will be accepted until 5:00 pm on Friday, May 3, 2013.

Please note: *All nominees must be employees of an ACEC Manitoba Member firm and must meet the criteria for a Young Professional.*

Awards of Excellence

ACEC Manitoba honoured excellence in engineering at their 14th annual awards gala on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. The Keystone Award for the project that best characterised the program's standards of excellence was presented to SMS Engineering Ltd for the Winnipeg James Armstrong Richardson International New Air Terminal Building & Central Utilities Building. Awards of Excellence were presented for projects submitted by SMS Engineering, Accutech Engineering Inc., Dillon Consulting Limited, Tetra Tech, KGS Group, SNC-Lavalin Inc. and MCW/AGE Consulting Professional Engineers. SMS Engineering Ltd, Tetra Tech, KGS Group, SNC-Lavalin Inc., Stantec Consulting Ltd., AMEC Environment & Infrastructure and Hatch Ltd. also received Awards of Merit.

Tim Stratton, P. Eng., FEC of Stantec Consulting Ltd. was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award. ACEC-MB also honoured Ron Typliski, P. Eng. of AECOM with the Engineering Action Award and the YPC's very own Kimberly Yathon, P. Eng. of Tetra Tech. with the Rising Star Award. Congratulations to all our winners!



Message from the President



I am happy to report to you that the ACEC Manitoba Annual Awards of Excellence, held a few weeks ago, were a tremendous success. This was the 14th anniversary of these awards, and there were 28 entries in five categories. The number and variety of submitted projects demonstrated an excellent cross section of the types of world class engineering carried out by our member firms. Congratulations and thank you to all of our sponsors, member organizations and volunteers who continue to make this a fantastic evening.

Over the past several months, the Association has been very active on a number of fronts.

The 2013 AGM and Golf Tournament are scheduled for Monday May 13, 2013 at the Niakwa Country Club. This year is our 35th anniversary, so invite your co-workers, clients, and contractors! The AGM is not only a chance for each member to hear about the activities of our association over the past year, but also a great opportunity to voice your opinions and network with fellow members. If Mother Nature cooperates, we should have a great game of golf in the afternoon. The Golf Tournament is a fundraising event with part of the proceeds donated to charity.

The Energy, Science and Technology Committee hosted the annual Energy Reception at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. There was an informative presentation from the President of Manitoba Hydro, Mr. Scott Thompson, followed by a presentation on Climate Change. A very successful networking evening followed. If you did not attend this year, please make a point of participating in 2014.

The Image Committee continues to work with the University of Manitoba to complete the planning and construction of the "ACEC Manitoba Legacy Wall".

During the past month, the ACEC Manitoba Board of Directors and the APEGM Board met to discuss issues of common concern. ACEC Manitoba has provided APEGM with a board representative on APEGM's Image Committee, and we continue to strengthen ties to APEGM by formalizing an arrangement where an APEGM representative will attend ACEC board meetings several times a year.

Since my last report, ACEC Manitoba has hosted a number of additional Professional Development Sessions. These sessions have been well attended, and I believe they are a valuable resource for our members.

ACEC Manitoba Board Representatives and representatives of the Manitoba Association of Architects (MAA) Board met to discuss a number of common issues. Several areas of cooperation were identified for future discussion. MAA and ACEC Manitoba also cooperated in preparing a joint letter to Manitoba Health, which resulted in a significant change in a recent RFP issued by Manitoba Health. These changes were a direct result of the joint letter and resulted in a more fair and balanced RFP being issued.

As my term as President draws to an end in May, it is appropriate for me to reflect on the time I have spent representing your Association. The efforts of volunteers and members over past twelve months have resulted in a stronger voice for consulting engineering companies in Manitoba. This voice has been used to advance both the image of engineering and our future place at various decision making organizations in Manitoba. A strong Engineering Industry is an absolute necessity for the continued prosperity of our province, and all Manitobans.

In the last few months, we have pushed to create an understanding with the provincial government that the current state of the Limitation of Actions legislation in Manitoba has a damaging effect to the Manitoba Economy. Manitoba's position on the Limitation of Actions is out of step with not only the rest of Canada, but most of North America. ACEC Manitoba will cooperate with other interested associations as well as the Government of Manitoba to address this vital issue.

ACEC Manitoba will also continue to support the efforts of the University of Manitoba Engineering Department in seeking innovative ways to increase the relevancy and focus of engineering programs offered at the University. The Dean and staff of the faculty have made great efforts to set up programs that address our industry's concerns, and it is now up to us to work with them to make these programs work for all of us.

In closing, I am proud to report the progress your association is making, and encourage you to become an active participant in ACEC Manitoba.

Ken R. Drysdale

ACEC Manitoba President

Other Business

- ACEC-Manitoba Events

Professional Development Seminar: "Marketing in Today's World"

Please join the ACEC Manitoba Professional Development Committee's event on Thursday May 2, 2013: "Marketing in Today's World" presented by Mr. Mark Zweig, Founder and CEO of ZweigWhite.

Course Description

The seminar will take place on May 2, 2013 from 8:30 to 4:00 pm at the Niakwa Country Club, 620 Niakwa Road. Morning registration and hot breakfast will begin at 7:30 am. All attendees will receive a program workbook with presentation slides and additional resource material.

Cost: ACEC Members: \$475.00

Non-Members \$525.00

Fee includes hot breakfast, buffet lunch, coffee breaks and course material.

Please contact Shirley Tillett at cemca@shaw.ca to register.

As ACEC-MB 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.

ACEC Manitoba AGM and 15th Annual ACEC-MB Golf Tournament

Location:	Niakwa Country Club (620 Niakwa Road)
Date:	Monday May 13, 2013
AGM Registration & Breakfast:	8:30 AM – 9:00 AM
AGM:	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
Golf Registration & Lunch:	11:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Tee Off:	12:30 PM – 6:00 PM (Full Shotgun)
Dinner:	6:30 p.m.
Registration Fee:	Breakfast & AGM: Free Golf Tournament: \$185.00 per person + GST = \$194.25
Registration Deadline:	Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Please contact Shirley Tillett at cemca@shaw.ca for the AGM and Golf Tournament registration forms and sponsorship opportunity package.

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- **APEGM Events**

What: The Expert Witness: Assisting the Trier of Fact
When: Wednesday May 29, 2013; 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Where: Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown (288 Portage Ave)
Cost: \$115 (lunch included); APEGM Student Member: \$95; No walk-ups.

Visit <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/pdf/PDNotices/130529%20presentation%20notice.pdf> for more details and to register online.

What: 300 Cubits by 50 Cubits by 30 Cubits
When: Monday June 17, 2013
Where: Canad Inn Polo Park (1405 St. Matthews Ave)
Cost: \$35 (lunch included); APEGM Student Member: \$30; No walk-ups.

Visit <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/pdf/PDNotices/130617%20luncheon%20notice.pdf> for more details and to register online.

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.

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

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