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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. October went by in a hurry with the flurry of activity that the YPC was involved in! We were pleased to see many of you at the YP Gala, recruitment for the mentorship program was a great success, and we welcomed two new YPC members! Please read on to learn about all the latest ACEC news!

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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

• New Young Professional Committee Members

The Young Professionals Committee is pleased to welcome two new members, Jamal Nureddin ([MMM Group](#)) and Jordan Bull ([SMS Engineering](#)). Both Jamal and Jordan will be profiled in future editions of the YPC newsletter.

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- **ACEC Mentorship Program**

Registration for the 2014-2015 [ACEC-MB Mentorship Program](#) is now complete. There was an excellent response with **53** industry professionals volunteering to serve as mentors. Interest in the program was also strong at the University of Manitoba, and **68** students have applied!

Our mentorship team has reviewed the applications, and matched students with mentors. Mentors have received emails informing them of their matches, as well as details regarding the mentorship program kick-off event. We look forward to seeing everyone at the kick-off event, where participants will be welcomed to the program, introduced to their students, and provided with further program details, including communication expectations and information about future mentorship events.

If you have volunteered to serve as a mentor, **please remember to RSVP** using the link provided in the “Welcome to the 2014-2015 ACEC-MB Mentorship Program” email you received from the mentorship team.

If you have any questions or concerns about the mentorship program, please contact Michael MacKay or Kristen Poff at mentorship@acec-mb.ca.

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- **YP Committee Presentation**

Are you or your coworkers interested in learning more about ACEC, and the many 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.

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Event Recap

- **6th Annual Young Professionals Gala**

The 6th Annual Young Professionals Gala took place on October 15, 2014 at the Qualico Family Centre in Assiniboine Park. This year’s Gala was a great success, with more than 100 tickets sold! The event began in the early evening, with refreshments, appetizers, and conversation.



Attendees mingle during the cocktail hour

Following the cocktail hour, dinner was held. Lively discussion took place, as members from many backgrounds, companies, backgrounds, and levels of experience shared a delicious meal. As dessert was finished, the YP Chair, Lin Watt, took the podium to introduce APEGM President Marcia Friesen, current ACEC Manitoba President Cameron Dyck, and the Keynote speaker, Jodi Moskal.



Dinner at the Qualico Family Centre

Jodi Moskal is the Chair of the [Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce](#) and co-owner of [Moskal Electric Ltd.](#), founded in 1998 to provide electrical and network cabling solutions for government, commercial, and industrial clients in Manitoba. As a leading entrepreneur, Jodi has had the opportunity to navigate the complex and exciting world of engineering, construction, and the trades. Jodi is invested in the future of the City of Winnipeg, and through the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce's BOLD [campaign](#), she is an advocate for the future prosperity of Winnipeg.

Jodi gave an inspiring presentation on her view of networking, and described how it has positively affected her career and business. She shared personal accounts, and made clear the benefits of networking, and how it is a necessity in today's workplace. Jodi's passion for helping Young Professionals, and the City of Winnipeg, was clear.



Jodi Moskal speaking on the value of networking

The ACEC-MB Young Professionals would like to extend a special thanks to Jodi Moskal, as well as our generous Reception and Platinum sponsors:

Reception



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- **ASE Career Fair**

ACEC-MB joined other exhibitors at the [University of Manitoba ASE Career Fair](#) on October 9. Volunteers from ACEC-MB were on hand to promote the consulting engineering industry as a career choice, and educated students about the value of the Association.



The ACEC-MB career fair booth

The Young Professionals committee like to thank the following individuals for volunteering their time on behalf of ACEC-MB;

- Jordan Bull ([SMS Engineering](#))
- Michael Linatoc ([Accutech Engineering](#))
- Michael MacKay ([KGS Group](#))
- Ashley Morrissey ([WSP](#))
- Corina Peach ([Dillon Consulting](#))
- Beth Phillips ([WSP](#))

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Call for Volunteers

- **APEGM Geoscience Committee**

The APEGM Geoscience Committee is seeking members to review issues affecting the practice of geosciences in Manitoba. For more information, see,

<http://www.apegm.mb.ca/pdf/Volunteering/GeoscienceCommittee2014.pdf>

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Other Events and Notices

- **Engineering Month Competition – “The Machine”**



THE MACHINE

ACEC-MB's Image Committee is organizing a design competition to promote Consulting Engineering during Engineering Month in Manitoba.

Your team's objective

Create a machine that will move a number of golf balls across an infinitely repeating track.

The machine and its components will be self-contained, fully automated, and its process being repeatable indefinitely. As a designed apparatus, the machine must be designed considering safety, the environment, and practicality.

Qualifications

1. The design team for the competition is open to professionals, postgraduates, and students. Teams must include at least 1 senior level member and may include as many members as reasonable. Refer to [general rules](#) for more details.
2. Teams must provide a competition entrance fee of \$150 along with the Intent to Submit application due **Friday, November 27th**, 2014.
3. Teams must provide a Preliminary Design due **Monday, January 19th**, 2015
4. Submission will include the machine and display poster. See rules for details.
5. Event date and location to be announced. The event will occur in Spring 2015 during Engineering Month in a public space (TBA).

Grand Prize

The winner of the competition will receive a table for 10 at the ACEC Manitoba Annual Awards of Excellence in Consulting Engineering taking place on April 16, 2015.

Intent to Submit Due Friday, November 28th, 2014

To register for the competition, submit the following to Shirley Tillett at cemca@shaw.ca and Dana Bredin at Dana.Bredin@wspgroup.com and an invoice for the competition entrance fee of \$150 will be processed for you.

Intent to Submit must include:

1. A team name.
2. The company, school, or group the team will represent, as well as the group's logo.
3. The team composition including names and years of experience.
4. The team member designated at "Team Captain".

For more information, please contact Dana Bredin at Dana.Bredin@wspgroup.com or Jomar Manzano at Jomar.Manzano@tetrattech.com

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• **TWICE Committee Wine & Chocolate Reception**

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| What: | Reception |
| When: | Thursday, November 27, 2014 |
| | Registration: 6:30 PM |
| | Tasting: 7:00 – 9:00 PM |
| Where: | Piazza De Nardi (1360 Taylor Avenue) |
| Cost: | \$40 |

The ACEC Manitoba [Technical Women in Consulting Engineering](#) (TWICE) Committee extend an invitation to all ACEC-MB members to attend a Wine & Chocolate Reception. Please see the event poster at <http://www.acec-mb.ca/files/linklist/47.pdf>.

To register, please contact the ACEC-MB office at cemca@shaw.ca before **November 14**. **Payment will be due at the door.**

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- **Barnes & Duncan Joins ACEC-MB**

[Barnes and Duncan](#) has joined ACEC-MB as an Associate Member. Associate Members are businesses that have an office in Manitoba and derive a significant portion of their revenues from activities relating to the practice of Professional Engineering. With the exception of Board membership restrictions, Associate Members have all the rights and privileges of membership in ACEC-MB.

Barnes and Duncan Land Surveying and Geomatics has engaged in land surveying since being founded in 1906 by G.B. McColl. The firm is now an amalgamation of five firms with experience and knowledge related to the Land Surveying and Geomatics sector in Manitoba. Barnes and Duncan also offers services in Engineering and Geographic Information Systems (GIS).

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- **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>.

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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, Lin Watt, 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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