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Young Professionals Committee

Welcome to the latest issue of the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Manitoba's (ACEC-MB) Young Professionals Committee (YPC) Newsletter. First and foremost, we'd like to wish a happy New Year to all of our readers! 2015 has been off to a brisk start, with a number of events in short succession, and many more in the upcoming months. Young Professionals took part in the 2nd event of the 2014-2015 mentorship program, the CFES Congress, and the Breakfast of Champions. In addition, we're only days away from the Transportation Reception, and a valuable Professional Development Seminar later in February. Finally, but most exciting of all, the plans for National Engineering Month in March are coming together. We look forward to sharing all the details with you as they become available. 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 Events and Notices

- **ACEC Manitoba Celebrates National Engineering Month**



ACEC MANITOBA PRESENTS:

ENG MONTH MARCH 2015

WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

ACEC Manitoba is celebrating National Engineering Month in March with a number of events that champion and celebrate the engineering industry in Manitoba. Activities will show off the community, creativity, and ingenuity of the people who make up our profession. Look forward to more information as we approach March!

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Event Recaps

• Breakfast of Champions

On January 15th, office liaisons, YPC members, and ACEC-MB board members met to discuss issues affecting YPs, and thank office liaisons for their continued involvement with ACEC. Committee members spoke about the importance of the office liaisons, and a roundtable discussion of best practices and effective strategies was held.

These discussions yielded some great feedback and ideas about communicating with fellow employees of member firms, and also touched on how to improve ACEC involvement.

The YPC would like to extend a special thanks to all those who were able to attend. Your feedback and involvement is key to the continued success of the YPC, including the distribution of this newsletter!

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• Mentorship Industry Panel

The 2nd event of the 2014-2015 mentorship program was held January 19th at the University of Manitoba. The event was open to both students and professionals, and there was a great turn out from both parties. In particular, students were eager to gain insight into the world of consulting engineering. The panel was focused on managing the succession of senior engineers from consulting engineering.

The panel brought together a number of senior engineers from across the consulting industry, including;

- Beth Phillips (Tetra Tech)
- Dave Krahn (Dillon Consulting Limited)
- James Blatz (TREK Geotechnical Inc.)
- John Woods (KGS Group)
- Robyn Koropatnick (Teshmont Consultants LP)

The discussion was moderated by the YPC's own Michael MacKay (KGS Group).

Through the panel, it was made clear that as increasing numbers of senior engineers reach retirement age, consulting companies and young professionals must focus their attention on getting both the experience and training to fill these roles, and ensure that knowledge is exchanged between generations.

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- **CFES Career Fair**

ACEC joined other exhibitors at the 2015 Canadian Federation of Engineering Students (CFES) Congress Career Fair on January 6th. Dan Nenadov of Accutech Engineering Inc volunteered to assist in the student outreach efforts. His professionalism and attentiveness was recognized and greatly appreciated by those in attendance, and the members of the YPC thank Dan for his involvement.

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Spotlight on...

- **Jamal Nureddin**

“Look deep into nature, and then you will understand everything better”

Albert Einstein

Role: Communications / General

Employed by: MMM Group

As a: Specialist – Buildings, Sustainability

Studied at: University of Guelph

And left with a degree in: Landscape Architecture

Years in Consulting: 1 year 6 months

Why I love my job: Contributing and working on significant architecture projects across Canada

What I do in my free time: Outdoor activities, indoor activities, creating things, philosophical conversations

Mac, Windows or Linux? Windows

If you actually got a nickel every time something happened, what would you want that thing to be? A nickel for every time someone told me winter in Winnipeg is cold.

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Call for Volunteers

• ACEC-MB Committee Positions

A number of ACEC-MB committees are looking for enthusiastic Young Professionals to join. These committees include,

- [Contracts](#)
- [First Nations](#)
- [Image](#)
- [Professional Development](#)

The Contracts, First Nations, and Professional Development committees are seeking one additional member, while the Image Committee is looking for two. In particular, the Image Committee is recruiting an advocacy writer, and a legacy wall administrator. If you are interested in any of these positions, or would like further information, please email ypnews@acec-mb.ca.

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• Event Photographers

The ACEC-MB Image Committee is seeking aspiring photographers to take event photos during future ACEC-MB events including the annual Awards Gala, YP Gala, and Golf Tournament. If you are interesting in further information, please email ypnews@acec-mb.ca.

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Other Events and Notices

• TWICE Survey

The ACEC-Manitoba TWICE committee is conducting a survey to capture a snapshot of the status and perceptions of engineering professionals with regards to career satisfaction and workplace experiences in the consulting engineering sector in Manitoba. The findings will be useful to ACEC member firms to understand the experiences of engineering staff, and will be available in late spring 2015.

We invite all engineering (EITs, CETs, and P.Engs.) and technical (environmental scientists, biologists, etc.) professionals to participate in this survey. To do so, please click on the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TWICE>

The link will remain open until **Monday, February 2, 2015**.

This is a “must attend” seminar for Principals, Senior Managers, Project Managers, Contract Administrators, Proposal Coordinators and any Young Professionals who are aspiring Managers!

Course Objectives

- Know the key elements and clauses of Professional Services Agreements (PSA) and why they are important.
- Understand how contract language defines your risk and impacts project delivery for different types of engineering projects.
- Learn how to deal with common contracting issues and put your new skills into action right away.
- Understand that the PSA is one of several key links in the Project Delivery Chain.
- Increase your overall understanding of risk management and the interdependence of all PSA sections.

About the Speaker

Ben Novak, P.Eng., MCP, Dip. BA, has had a long consulting career and is a certified FIDIC management trainer. As Senior VP in a large firm, he participated in and led a number of acquisition, integration, and joint venture initiatives and served on boards. He is a former ACEC Chair and is active in the FIDIC Young Professionals Management Training Program. As an accredited peer reviewer for the American Consulting Engineers Council, he has examined the operations of numerous consulting firms.

Registration

To register, please complete the attached **ACEC-DFS Seminar Registration** form before Thursday, **February 12, 2015**. Completed forms may be sent to info@acec.ca or 130 Albert Street, Suite 420 Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4

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• **ACEC Manitoba Awards of Excellence: Individual Nominations**

Individual Nominations for the 15th Annual ACEC-MB Awards of Excellence are due on Friday, **March 6, 2015**. Nominations for the Lifetime Achievement, Engineering Action, and Rising Star awards are being accepted.

Further details, as well as the nomination package are available at the [ACEC-MB website](#).

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• **Engineering Month – 640**

This is ACEC-MB’s 2nd annual 640 event celebrating National Engineering Month in our province. Engineering Month is all about celebrating our industry with the general public, and telling others why we do what we do as professionals employed in engineering companies.

What: Series of short presentations
When: Thursday, March 12, 2015
Doors Open at 6:00 PM
Presentations start at 6:30 PM
Where: [King's Head Pub](#), 120 King Street
Cost: Free!

640 is a night of thought-provoking presentation with a twist. Each presentation is composed of 20 slides lasting 20 seconds each, for a total time of 6 minutes and 40 seconds. The presenter does not control the slides, which makes for a very interesting presentation and a challenge for even the avid public speaker. The format was originally developed by architects in Japan as a way to speed up presentations and over the past few years has been used by architects and others in Winnipeg at numerous events.

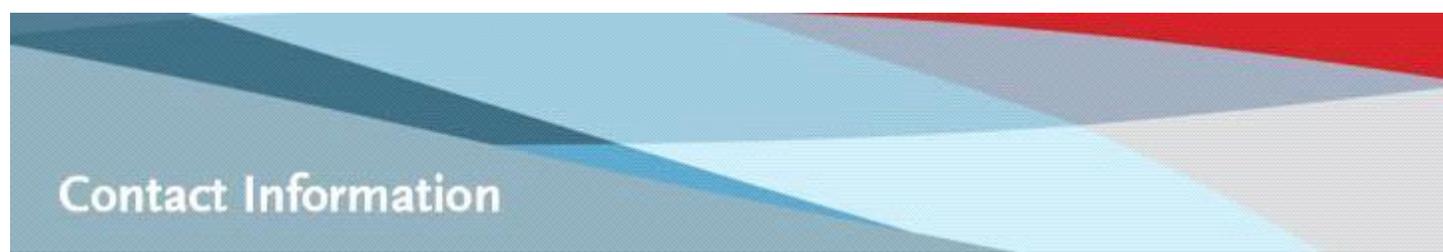
Open to all, no RSVP necessary; come and celebrate with us! Appetizers will be provided. Bring your spouse. Bring your friends. Bring those people who don't know what being an engineer means. Enjoy a refreshment and the exciting presentations and spread the word!

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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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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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