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For the members

To the members

By the members

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1. Summer Activities

Annual member/family BBQ:

This year's annual BBQ was held in Victoria Park on July 26, 1997, Saturday from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. A different location and time were used this year per feedback from members. Though the day was filled with rain, over seventy members and their families/ friends attended. Stewart McIntosh, P. Eng., APEGGA's Director of Special Projects also attended and afforded members ample opportunities to discuss matters of interest. Daniel Woo on behalf of all members thanked Mr. McIntosh for coming out and thanked the executives and members for their help to make the BBQ a success. Special mentions were made to Sidney Lam for providing his van for transporting the BBQ, Sik-On Yu, Yun Chen for providing the propane BBQs,, Todd Lee Yuen, Chuan Kua,, Sik-On Yu, Chris Chan, for doing the cooking and Chris Chan, Daniel Woo for purchasing the food. An article on the BBQ and the upcoming September 8, 1997 meeting with APEGGA's two directors was written by our member Mr. Wing-Huey Chai and published in Edmonton's three Chinese newspapers. Mr. Chai was a chief railway engineer in China prior to coming to Canada and has assisted our society in all our Chinese news releases. Thank you, Mr. Chai.

Heritage Days, August 2 - 4, 1997

Our society provided assistance to the Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta (CGAA) in manning the booth for the arts, crafts, calligraphy and passport section within the Chinese Pavilion. Society members and their families who helped out during the three day event included Allan Kwan and family (Sylvia and children), Sidney Lam and family (Jennifer and friend Michelle), Geoff Ho and family (Brenda and children), Sik-On Yu and family (Elizabeth, daughter Joyce and friend Sally), Dave Chan and son, Wing-Huey Chai (in Chinese calligraphy), Todd Lee Yuen, Daniel Woo, Yun Chen, Tah Chan and Wenzhi Chen. Other members not mentioned above also helped out in selling and cooking the food. To express their appreciation, CGAA is hosting a BBQ for volunteers on September 7, 1997, Sunday (previously incorrectly printed as ~~September 6, 1997, Saturday~~), at Rundle Park. Let Daniel Woo know if you are able to attend but have not yet received the details.

2. Upcoming Technical Dinner Meetings (all technical dinner meetings are held at Marco Polo Restaurant starting at 6:00 p.m. on the dates noted.)

September 8, 1997, Monday, technical dinner meeting

Topic of presentation: "APEGGA's Mandatory Continuing Professional Development" by Len Shrimpton, P. Eng., APEGGA's Director of Professional Development.

As noted in previous newsletter, continuous upgrading is becoming a requirement for professional engineers. Come to find out the details required to stay as a practicing professional engineer. We are privileged to have two directors from APEGGA, Len Shrimpton, P. Eng. and Stewart McIntosh, P. Eng. to attend our meeting. Bring your colleagues as well. APEGGA has a web page with information on this subject. The web site is: <http://www.apegga.com/profprac.htm>

October 20, 1997, Monday, technical dinner meeting

Topic of presentation: "Bonding in Construction Contracts" by Barry Peters, Senior V.P. of Reid Steinhouse Insurance Company.

It will be of interest for all professionals to find out more details on this subject. Without proper bonding, engineers may be open for financial losses.

November 10, 1997, Monday, technical dinner meeting and Election of 1998 Executives

Topic of presentation (tentative): "Contract Laws for Engineers" - Speaker being confirmed

During the November technical meeting, annual election will be held. Please plan to attend to elect the 1998 executives.

~~December 6, 1997, Saturday, (revised to December 12, 1997, Friday)~~ Annual Meeting

Please mark this date in your calendar. Plan to attend with your spouse to meet the 1998 executives.

3.0 Membership News

Welcome new member Ester Law, EIT. Ester is a chemical engineering graduate.

Our VP Membership Sik-On Yu helped out in the first annual Dragon Boat Festival held in August 16-17, 1997 as a Timing Official, but did not win a trip to anywhere Canadian International flies for being a volunteer.

If you have changed your address or fax number or recently acquired e-mail capability, advise the executives when they call you.

4.0 Career Corner

Opportunities available:

- An opening for a civil engineering technologist, call Sidney Lam at end of newsletter for information.
- An engineer with sewage experience (mandarin speaking required) to work in China, call Sidney Lam for information.
- Municipal Engineering Inspector with Microstation experience needed, call Sik-On Yu for information.

The following web sites contain opportunities. It is worthy to check them out periodically.

Public Service Commission: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/cfp1e.htm>

Federal summer student program: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/fswep1e.htm>

Canada Employment Weekly: <http://www.mediacorp2.com/>

Nortel Employment <http://www.careermosaic.com/cm/nortel/>

Hong Kong Standard technical / engineering

<http://jobmarket.hkstandard.com/online/job/english/post/eptechn.htm>

Wanting opportunities:

-New chemical engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering graduates wanting positions, advise any executive if you have openings.

5. Quotable (we are using this space to share noteworthy information, especially news items dealing with engineering and Asia Pacific commerce. Let Wing Choy or one of the executives know if you catch any news to share in newspapers or technical journals)

(a) Edmonton Journal 1997-08-14, page B2

-Major Bill Smith is inviting Edmonton business representatives to join him on a fall trade mission to Asia--- to Japan, Hong Kong and Taiwan on the October 7 - 23 trip. Business participants who join the delegation are expected to have their own itineraries and to travel at their own expense. Anyone interested ---- call Liz Campbell at Economic Development Edmonton at 421-9191.

(b) Edmonton Journal 1997- 08-14

-The breakthrough --- replacing a chip's microscopic aluminum wiring with copper --- that digital data - the 1s 0s ---will travel even faster ---.

6. Comments

If you have any concerns or comments , please drop us a line at P.O. Box 1881 Main Post Office Edmonton, Alberta T6J 2P3 or e-mail us.

Acknowledgment

The Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society welcomes Laurentian Bank as the Society's corporate membership.

Please call any executive if you or your firm is interested to support our society and become a corporate member.

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Notice of Election

In accordance with Article I Section 3(4) and Article IV, Section 1(3) of the Bylaws of the Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society, this is to notify that election of the 1998 executives will be held as follows:

Date: November 10, 1997 (Monday) at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Marco Polo Restaurant, 2nd floor, 9700 - 105 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta

Eligibility: per Article I, Section 3(2), any full member (P. Eng.) can be elected.

All position of the executive committee are open for nomination. Please contact the nominating chairman:

Mr. Allan Kwan, P. Eng.
Telephone: 427-8990 (office)
481-6971 (home)

before election time of your interest.

From the Executives of the 1997 Executive Committee
August 23, 1997