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# What's New

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For the members

To the members

By the members

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## 1. Last meetings

### September technical dinner meeting:

Nearly 40 professionals attended the September 8, 1997 technical dinner meeting when speakers from APEGGA (Len Shrimpton, P. Eng. and Todd Yuen, P. Eng.) spoke to members on the Mandatory Continuing Professional Development program. We were privileged to have APEGGA's two directors (Stewart McIntosh and Len Shrimpton) shared their evening and exchanged ideas with us. It was confirmed during the questions and answers period that the technical dinner meetings Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society (ECES) holds monthly will qualify for Professional Development Hours (PDHs). Thus, please endeavour to attend. Also, advise the Director of Technology, Ron Lau, P. Eng., if you have a topic to present to us. The presentation will again qualify for PDHs. APEGGA has a web page with information on this subject. The web site is: <http://www.apegga.com/profprac.htm>

### October 7, 1997 : APEGGA's technical societies/ professional members/ students mixer

Daniel Woo, P. Eng. Represented ECES in the mixer held on October 7, 1997. Approximately 20 technical societies were represented. Brochures about ECES were passed out.

### October 20, 1997 technical dinner meeting

Barry Peters, Senior V.P. of Aon Reid Stenhouse Inc. provided an educational talk on "Bonding in Construction Contracts". For those members not self-employed, it provided a good introduction to insurance and bonding. Judging from the questions from members after the talk, it was a timely topic.

### November 10, 1997, Monday, Election and technical dinner meeting

Prior to the November technical meeting, an annual election for 1998 directors was held. The Directors for 1998 will be:

President - Daniel Woo; Immediate Past President - Sidney Lam; VP Communication - Chuan Kua; VP Membership - Yun Chen; Treasurer - Chris Chan; Director of Technology - Ron Lau; Director of Recreation - Sik On Yu; Secretary - Phillip Choi.

Thank you's are due to Allan Kwan, P.Eng. who acted as nominating chairman and Geoffrey Ho, LLB, QC who was the election chairman and technical dinner meeting chairman for the evening.

Technical talk on the evening was given by our legal counsel, Collin Wong, LLB on the topic "Personal Injuries in Car Accidents". It was an informative talk. It was the only time when we could ask a lawyer questions without paying the \$300 (or more?) per hour fee.

### **Upcoming December 12, 1997, Friday, Annual Meeting and Xmas Banquet**

Mark this date in your calendar.. Please note this date is a revised date from last newsletter due to arrangement conflicts. Tickets at \$20 /person are now on sale. Plan to invite your company colleagues and families to join in the Xmas spirit, meet the 1998 executives and renew your acquaintances with your fellow members and APEGGA's Directors. We are privileged to have APEGGA's President, Dennis Lindberg, Executive Director, Neil Windsor, and Director of Special Project, Stewart McIntosh joining us for the evening. We have asked President Lindberg to give a recap of APEGGA's major activities in the past year.. Call any of the executives for tickets and if you have 10 in your party, we will reserve the table under your company name or your name. Let's all have a good Xmas get-together. We do not want APEGGA's president to talk to only a few people.

### **3.0 Membership News**

Welcome new members:

Mark Roth, B. Com. - Mark is presently working at Harbin, Heilongjing, China. Mark speaks and writes Chinese.

Phillip Choi, P. Eng. - Dr. Choi is teaching chemical engineering at U of A.

John Chai, P. Eng. - John is a civil engineer and has devoted a great deal of his spare times to Chinese education for young and adult Canadians.

Congratulations to:

John McDougall, P. Eng. - our society's Director-at-large for the recent move to Alberta Research Council as CEO and Managing Director.

Other news:

Sidney Lam, P. Eng. successfully helped the grand opening of the Chinese Seniors Lodge.

Daniel Woo, P. Eng. on behalf of ECES is participating on the planning of next year's Chinese New Year banquet. Chinese New year is on January 28, 1998 and the banquet will be on January 31, 1998. It is hoped that ECES members will take at least one table. The Banquet is sponsored by over 30 Chinese societies in Edmonton.

If you have any news you want to share with other members, or 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.

-An engineer with sewage experience (mandarin speaking required) to work in China, call Sidney Lam 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>

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

(a) Pair share engineering honours - Edmonton Journal 1997-09-3, page B3, Andy Ogle

University of Alberta students Tim Poon and Agnes Yuen can lay claim to the title of Canada's best second-year engineering students. It is the first time since the inception of the awards (CD Howe Memorial Foundation Engineering Awards) in 1962 that both awards went to students at one engineering faculty. First year marks count big --Poon scored a perfect 9 on the U of A's 9-point - in his electrical engineering ---Yuen who is in chemical engineering had an 8.9 average

(b) China sets date for Yangtze River diversion - Edmonton Journal 1997- 09-18, Digest  
The Yangtze River will be diverted Nov. 8 to allow construction of the giant Three Gorges Dam---  
When completed in 2009, the \$24.6 billion US dam will hold back a reservoir **563** kilometers long and generate 84.7 billion kilowatts of electricity annually.

( c) Stanley marvels at firm he founded - Edmonton Journal 1997-10-21, Paul Marck  
"I made more money playing hockey than I did engineering," says the founder (Donald Stanley) of Stanley Engineering, who turned 80 last Saturday. In 1954 he haggled for months before getting his office rent down to \$67 a month ---- With nearly 1,600 employees world-wide, Stanley is confident of meeting Triffo's (president of Stanley) goal of growing to 2,000 strong by the year 2000.

(d) Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) - Edmonton Journal 1997-08-23 Mark MacKinnon  
APEC players - 18 members include Canada, Hong Kong, China, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan, United States ----

## 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 to us.

### Acknowledgment

The Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society wants to thank **Laurentian Bank** for their corporate membership. Please call any executive if you or your firm is interested to support our society and become a corporate member. Corporate membership includes Acknowledgments/ Ads on all newsletters, annual and anniversary programs, and tickets to annual and anniversary banquets.

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