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What's New

FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

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1.0 Merry Xmas , Happy New Year to All

May you succeed in all your endeavors in the coming year and for those in consulting business, a rewarding and profitable year.

2.0 Renewal

It is time to renew your membership for year 2000. The society will only progress with your continuous support. Please see back section for renewal fees.

3.0 Previous Meetings

October 23, 1999, 6^h Anniversary Banquet and Dance

Keynote speaker for this year's anniversary was Mr. Wayne Cao, MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) in the province of Alberta. Mr. Cao studied engineering and math-science at the Universities of Auckland (Australia), Saigon (Vietnam) and Waterloo (Canada). Mr. Cao worked for Shell Petroleum for 24 years before joining the Alberta Legislature to serve the people. Mr. Cao's keynote address entitled "Lifelong Learning: Why, What & How" was informative. He noted some of the large technological advances in computers (in the 1970's, punched cards were used, now "windows" were used). Mr. Cao also quoted the old Chinese proverb, Teach till you are old and Learn till you are old – a lifelong learning for all of us. Over 200 guests attended the anniversary. Representatives from Edmonton's Chinese community associations/ societies, APEGGA (Councilor Gordon Stewart, P. Eng., Special Project Director Stewart MacIntosh, P. Eng.) were on hand to celebrate with members. We were also joined by the society's Director-at-large, John McDougall, P. Eng. and society Chartered Accountant, Micheal Cheung, C.A. Other guests included Dr. Fred Otto, P. Eng., Justice Donald Lee, Bill Macdonald, P. Eng. Greetings from three levels of government were also received. Overall the event was a success. Assistance from all the members especially Celina Duong, EIT (chairman of the anniversary), Cuong Vuong, EIT and Wing Choy, P. Eng. (MC for the event) was appreciated.

November 8, 1999 Election of 2000 executive, Strategic Planning section and Y2K preparedness

Election chairman for year 2000 executive committee members was Dr. Phillip Choi, P. Eng. After being handed with a list of nominees by nominating chairman Allan Kwan, P. Eng., Dr. Choi called three times for additional nominees for each position before announcing the following elected members: President - Daniel Woo, P.Eng.; VP Communication – Phillip Choi, P. Eng.; VP Membership – Yun Chen, P. Eng.; Treasurer – Chris Chan, P.Eng.; Secretary – Celina Duong, EIT; Technology Director - Ron Lau, P. Eng.; Recreation Director - Tah Chan, P. Eng. For the strategic planning session, Allan Kwan, P.Eng. conducted a Strength, Weakness,

Opportunity, Trend (SWOT) survey. The results had been tabulated and would be discussed by the executives in the meetings and with members during an upcoming technical dinner meeting.

During the Y2K preparedness session, many ideas, strategies were discussed by members. Do you know that as part of preparing for electricity cut-off, many households have been installing additional valve at the lowest point in the basement? The demand was such that a two to three days wait for the plumber was required. Much expenses and work have been done on Y2K preparedness by both the private and government sectors. It is hoped that the impact would be minimal or nil.

December 13, 1999 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Xmas Banquet

Chairman for the event was Chris Chan, P. Eng. At 7:15 pm, the meeting was called into order. During the AGM, President Woo, P. Eng. provided a recap of past year's activities such as the six technical dinner meetings, the monthly executive meetings, the BBQ in the summer, the anniversary banquet and various activities both in the technical side with APEGGA (such as the P. Eng./ students mixer, the Iron Ring ceremony) and in the cultural side with Chinese community (such as the Taiwan Earthquake fund-raising banquet, the Edmonton Chinese Seniors Lodge fund-raising picnic, the Chinese community New Lunar Year celebration and Klondike Day parade). Vice President Yun Chen, P. Eng. reported on the number of membership and urged all members to renew for 2000. Treasurer Chris Chen, P. Eng. presented the 1998/1999 financial statement. which was audited by the auditing committee, Allan Kwan, P. Eng. and Yun Chen, P. Eng. The financial statement was approved by all members present. Next year's auditing committee would consist of Ron Lau and Allan Kwan. Director Ron Lau, P. Eng. also invited all members to consider giving a technical presentation.

The Xmas banquet was a nine-course Peking Duck dinner. After the dinner, a gift exchange was led by Celina Duong. All present had a gift to go home.

4.0 Upcoming Meetings

February 7, 2000 technical dinner meeting

There will not be a technical dinner meeting in January, 2000. The next technical dinner meeting would be held on February 7, 2000. Francis Wu, P. Eng. who recently returned from working on projects relating to the Hong Kong Airport would be the guest speaker. Mark this date on your calendar and join in for an evening of good networking, learning and good food.

Note: Hours attending ECES' technical dinner meetings qualify for APEGGA's professional development hours. So come by yourself or with your colleagues to network with your peers, listen to an informative presentation and have a good dinner. Our meetings are also listed in APEGGA's newspaper, the PEGG's society listing page. Take a look and if you use internet, look it up at <http://www.apegga.com/societielisting.htm>

Speakers wanted

The society always welcomes speakers. Let Ron Lau, P. Eng. know if you have a topic you wish to present at one of the technical dinner meetings. Come and share with us your latest project, be it an environmental control project, a new design that you participated in or an engineering experience you recently had, all would be considered.

5.0 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

-Congratulations to Tah Chan, P. Eng. for being elected a Director of the Budaha's Light International Association (Edmonton Branch).

Other news:

Community events:

Preparations for the Edmonton Chinese Community New Lunar Year celebration – Two preparatory meetings had been held. Daniel Woo, P. Eng. is ECES representative in the preparation committee. Dan is the English Secretary for the committee. The banquet this year will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2000. Tickets (\$20 / person) are limited, let Dan know ASAP if you are interested. Chines New Year (the year of the Dragon) is on February 5, 2000.

Technical Meetings:

December 4, 1999, Saturday, APEGGA sponsored iron ring ceremony 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. - Daniel Woo attended and met new students.

5.0 CAREER CORNER

Opportunities available:

The following web sites contain opportunities. It is worthy to check them out periodically. (*Tips* for internet: instead of typing in the web sites, highlight and copy the web site then paste it to the site)

- Singapore opportunities www.contactsingapore.org.sg
- " " " " " www.singapore-careers.com
- Federal summer student program: <http://www.psc-cfp.gc.ca/recruit/fssep1e.htm>
- National Energy Board <http://www.neb.gc.ca/>
- Public Service Commission: http://publiservice.srv.gc.ca/hr/hr_e.html
- 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>

Members looking for opportunities /community looking for volunteers

- Graduating engineers in all branches - let any of the executives know if you are aware of any opportunity.
- Volunteer landscape architect/ engineer or members with experience in major oriental garden designs required. The Chinese community is building a Chinese Garden in the space below the Shaw Centre. It is a major project to coincide with the City's 5-10 years upgrade of a Park. Let Daniel Woo know if you wish to get involved.

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RENEWAL:

