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What's New

FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

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1.0 Important Notices:

Notice of Election

Election of members to the Executive Committee of the Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society for calendar year 2000 will be held on November 8, 1999 at 6:30 PM at the Mirama Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 9431 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Canada. As per the Society's bylaws, all full members are eligible to vote and to be nominated. Please advise Mr. Allan Kwan, P. Eng. telephone: 481-6971 (home) or 427-8990 (office) of your interest to nominate someone or to hold office. All positions are open.

Notice of Annual Meeting

Per Article IV, section 1 (3), it is noted that this year's Annual Meeting (and Xmas Party) will be held on Monday December 13, 1999 at 6:30 PM at the Mirama Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 9431 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Canada.

6th Anniversary banquet and dance

This year's anniversary will be held on Saturday, October 23, 1999. Come with your spouse and friends to support this important society event. Further details below.

2.0 Previous Meetings

July 17, 1999 Saturday - BBQ

This annual free BBQ for members, sponsors, their families and friends were held at site #8, Victoria Park located at River Road & 116 Street, next to the Royal Glenora Club. The weather was good and we had a good turnout. Members and their families had a good time. We were joined by our society's Director-at large, Mr. John McDougall, P. Eng., Legal Counsel, Collin Wong, LLB and society's Chartered Accountant, Micheal Cheung, C.A. It was especially pleasing to see the large turn out of members' children in the BBQ. Thanks are due to Yun Chen, P. Eng. who provided the propane BBQ and supervised the cooking and to Celina Duong, EIT and Cuong Vuong, EIT for managing the food supply.

September 13, 1999 Monday, Technical Dinner meeting

We heard Allan Lo, P. Eng. of Alberta Infrastructures discussed the latest technology employed in an Intelligent Transportation System. The talk was just recently presented to the management of Alberta Infrastructures. By gauging the questions after the technical talk, the interests in the subject were great. Do you know that in California, there is a stretch of highway on which test

vehicles equipped with high tech equipment are basically driven by itself though drivers are present to take over controls if necessary.

3.0 Upcoming Meetings

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

Details of the event follows. This event is the most important event of the society. It is an event we highlight the accomplishment of a fellow Canadian, a chance to thank our sponsors, honorary members, APEGGA and community support to our society. So come out with your spouse, friends, colleagues to enjoy an evening of good company, good food and support your society. Representatives from three levels of government, APEGGA and Edmonton's Chinese community have been invited. Call or e-mail one of the executive members for tickets. It only takes 5 couples, 10 persons to reserve a table.

Event: 6^h Anniversary Banquet and Dance

Time: October 23, 1999, Saturday 6:00 pm

Location: Mirama Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 9431 - Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Canada

Cost: \$22.00/ Ticket

Featured Speaker *: Wayne Cao, MLA (Calgary Fort constituency)
Alberta Legislature, Edmonton

Topic: "*Lifelong Learning: Why, What & How*".

*Mr, Wayne Cao, a MLA (Member of the Legislative Assembly) in the province of Alberta, 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. He has lived, worked and traveled in many parts of the world: Vietnam, France, UK, Holland, USA, New Zealand, Australia, South East Asia and Eastern Canada. For the past 21 years, he has lived in Calgary with his wife, Kim Hoang, an engineer and banking professional, and their three sons who are now attending universities across Canada.

November 8, 1999 Annual Election and technical discussion

Annual election will be held at 6:30 PM. A technical topic for the rest of the evening is being confirmed.

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>

December 13, 1999 Annual General Meeting and Xmas Banquet

Mark this date on your calendar. It is an event you and your spouse would enjoy. Last year we had a gift exchange. Participants found the evening of relaxation and socializing rewarding.

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. As President Woo always emphasized that, if each of us could learn a little from each presenter and we attended all the technical dinner meetings, each of us would be so much more knowledgeable than others who have not attended our meetings.

4.0 MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Congratulations to Phillip Choi for a *baby* boy, both baby and mother are well.
- Alex Gao, an engineer trained in China, who came to our last technical dinner meeting is moving to Ottawa. He has secured a position with a telecommunication company.

5.0 Other news:

Community events:

July 22, 1999 Edmonton Chinese community Klondike parade float - as one of the 30 association/ societies, the Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society participated in the preparation and actual walking on the parade day. This year, however, the float did not win a prize. The last community float (in July, 1997) which the society assisted received 1st prize in the cultural category.

August 29, 1999 Fund-raising Picnic for the Edmonton Chinese Seniors Lodge - on behalf of the society, Daniel Woo and Ron Lau attended the fund-raising event. The Edmonton Chinese Engineers Society also donated funds to this fund-raising event. The Picnic was attended by Minister Mar and Premier Klein.

October 9, 1999 Saturday, Fund-raising banquet/ auction for Taiwan earthquake – Chris Chan and Daniel Woo attended the fund-raising. Our society will also be making a donation. Half of the donation will be provided by executive members, thus reducing the society's cash burden.

Technical Meetings:

October 6, 1999 Wednesday, APEGGA P.Eng./ student mixer, 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. at 2nd floor, SUB, U of A – It was a good opportunity for professional members to share their experience with graduating students. Yun Chan and Daniel Woo attended the mixer.

November 5, 1999 Friday, CPANS/ AWMA luncheon at Royal Glenora, topic will be Hydrocarbon Project in Northern Alberta. Call Daniel Woo if you need more information.

November 18, 1999 Thursday, Edmonton Association of Technical Societies, 11:00 AM to 9:00 PM. It is hoped that all APEGGA and Edmonton based technical societies would support this event. More information will be provided in November's dinner meeting.

December 4, 1999, Saturday, APEGGA sponsored iron ring ceremony 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. P. Eng.s are asked to assist in Workshop. Call Flo at APEGGA 426-3990 if you can help. ECES has always participated. So mark it on your calendar.

6.0 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 location.)

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.

7.0 DO YOU KNOW THAT.....

(We are using this space to share noteworthy information, especially news items dealing with engineering and Asia Pacific commerce. Let the Editor know via phone or e-mail if you catch any news in newspapers or technical journals)

(a) Did you know between the Canadian federal government and all of Canada's provincial governments, a total of \$1 billion will be spent to make government computer systems Y2K compliant, about the same amount Canada's banks have devoted to Y2K preparations. – Ed Journal, page G9, October 10, 99.

(b) We must not see ourselves as a small country of 30 million people, floundering in a large land mass. We are among the healthiest, best educated people in the world, with great natural riches. - expert from Governor General Adrienne Clarkson's speech, Ed. Journal Oct. 8, 99

(c) Alberta urged to push second language skills - while 54 per cent of American high school students are learning a second language, only 20 per cent of Albertans are doing the same. Are you conversant in Cantonese and want to learn mandarin, give the executive a call. If we can get 10 students, we may be able to obtain a teacher (who is also an engineer).

8.0 YOUR 1999 EXECUTIVES

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