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What's New – December 2004

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FOR THE MEMBERS

TO THE MEMBERS

BY THE MEMBERS

1.0 Seasons Greetings

On behalf of the executives, we wish you and your family a very

Merry Xmas and a happy New Year

2.0 Election and AGM

As per our society's bylaws, an election was held before November 30th and an annual general meeting (AGM) was held in December. The following members were elected and confirmed as 2005 executives.

President:	Wing Choy, P. Eng.
VP Communication:	Michael Kan, P. Eng.
VP Membership:	Qing Zhao, P. Eng., Ph. D.
Treasurer:	Chris Chan, P. Eng.
Director of Technology:	Celina Duong, P. Eng.
Director of Recreation:	Eddie Young, P. Eng.
Secretary:	Patrick Wong, E.I.T.

Appointment : Webmasters : Dion Leung/Steve Lam

3.0 New members and Renewal:

If you are not a member yet, consider joining us or if you are a member but has not yet sent in your renewal fee, send application or renewal fees to address above. Visit our web site above to find out more details of the benefits of joining our technical society and other items of interest. There are benefits in becoming members. The most noticeable being the opportunity to network with peers in your profession and the ability to claim PDHs from attending the technical meetings.

Here are the fees for the members under different categories:

Premium Package - \$200

- 1 ECES membership for 1 year
 - 10 dinner admissions for 1-person at the Technical, Election and Annual Meetings
 - 2 tickets for the Anniversary Banquet

>> Full Membership (5 yrs) - \$100

- 1 ECES full membership for 5 years
- e.g. Registered Professional Engineers or E.I.T.

>> Full Membership (1 yr) - \$30

- 1 ECES full membership for 1 year

>> Associate and Student Membership - \$15

- 1 ECES associate membership for 1 year
- e.g. Unregistered Engineers, Architects, Accountants, lawyers, doctors, Technicians or Other Professionals as Associate Members
- e.g. Students from any Faculty, or any University or College as Student Members

4.0 Upcoming Meetings

In case you are not aware, below are some noteworthy items regarding ECES technical dinner meetings:

- ECES technical dinner meetings qualify for APEGGA professional development hours
- Place/Time: Mirama Restaurant, 2nd Floor, 9431 Jasper Ave, Edmonton, Alberta 6:00 PM normally on the 2nd Monday of the month.
- Cost: \$15/person, \$10/student, \$20/non-member
- More Info: visit our web site www.eces.cc or watch our announcement in APEGGA's PEGG.

Jan 10, 2005

Mr. Allan Mah will speak on "2004 Real Estate Outlook". Mr. Mah is a long time community leader in Edmonton and has taught real estate courses in U of A.

Feb 14, 2005

Mr. Pat Butler will speak on "Chinese Garden in the Louise McKinney Park". Mr. Butler is one of the consultants for the Chinese Garden project which is due to start construction in the summer months of 2005.

March 14, 2005

Mr. Daniel Woo will give a talk on "Canada's NPRI (national pollutant release inventory)".

April 11, 2005

Mr. Peter Kilburn will speak on "Practical application of weight in motion technology".

5.0 Previous Meetings

December 13, 2004 AGM and gift-exchange

Celina Duong, P. Eng. Technology Director chaired the AGM and gift-exchange. All formal businesses were carried out before the gift-exchange. President Choy reported on the events carried out in 2004. Treasurer Chris Chan provided audited treasury report which was approved by those in attendance. President Wing Choy also provided his vision for the coming year. Good networking occurred during the gift exchange.

November 8, 2004 Election

Past President Daniel Woo, P. Eng. chaired the election. The elected directors were listed in section 2 in previous page. A discussion on how to enhance the work of the society followed the election.

October 18, 2004 Technical dinner meeting

Dr. Xiaodai Dong of University of Alberta spoke on the history of wireless technology. The presentation, "From Marconi to Broadband Wireless Communications" provided a recap of the technological advances throughout the years. Questions and answers followed the presentation.

September 13, 2004 Technical dinner meeting

Mr. Don Proudfoot, P. Eng. provided a presentation on "the Geotechnical Investigation at Kingstreet Interchange". He have an overview of the geotechnical issues facing the construction of the interchange in Kingstreet in Fort McMurray. Great interests were seen in the questions afterwards.

August 28, 2004 Saturday, Golf Tournament

The golf tournament was held in good weather. Four teams of foursome participated. Congratulations to the three winners : the first winner is Gary Beddez and the second winner is Jay Ramotar and the third prize winner is Suresh Gurger. Every one had a good time even the weather was not very co-operated. But all survived very well and enjoyed the good food and networking. Each of the participants also won at least a prize too.

July 10, 2004 BBQ

This year's BBQ was a joint event with CGAA (Chinese Graduates Association of Alberta). We had good food, good weather and a chance to network. It was a success. We had about 120 people with the mayor candidate, associate member Mr. Robert Noce and his girl friend also attending the events and lot of fun. Judge Ho gave \$100.00 for the support of the BBQ. Thanks to the executives and members support this joint BBQ. We increased our scope of networking.

6. APEGGA and Community Activities

APEGGA:

-Nominations for councilors for APEGGA Council are still possible.

Community:

Edmonton Chinatown Long Term Care Centre

On behalf of ECES, President Choy participated as a member of the project management committee.

-ECES raised over **\$10,713** for this facility. Thanks to the support of the membership. For a list of donors, see April 2003 newsletter (volume 11 issue 2) in our web site. The building has been completed in construction. Official opening and a banquet occurred on November 2, 2004. President Wing Choy and Daniel Woo attended the opening ceremony banquet.

Fundraising for Chinese Library

- The Chinese library is being built on the Chinese Cultural Centre. It needs more funding for the books and computer and interior finishing. Our Society always helps out the Chinese community. We are looking for donations from our members. Our goal is to raise two thousands dollars. Please help us to reach our goals. The donations will be recognized in the next newsletter. Please give generously. So far we have raised **\$ 500.00**.

Please support the good cause for the generations to come to support our culture. Please send your donation to our address c/o ASSIST. We still have a long way to go. The donators are Dan Woo , Geoff Ho and Wing Choy. Please give generously.

Edmonton Chinese Garden

-On behalf of ECES, President Choy participates as a member of the construction committee. President Choy reported that construction of phase 1 of the project will commence in the summer of 2005. More funds are still required. Please join them to become a member of the society. Please contact President for further information.

ASSIST Community Services Centre

-President Choy finished the half marathon by fundraising for ASSIST in August. The amount he raised is \$ 2,055.00. Please support him for the next running fundraising event. He sincerely thanks the generous support of the members and friends to make the fundraising event successful. The Society has donated \$500.00 , \$ 200 from City Credit and \$100 from Judge Geoff Ho for the generously support. He raised totally more than three thousand dollars for ASSIST including the Human Races .

7. Career Corner

Job links can now be found on our website, check them out at www.eces.cc! Remember that, according to the University of Alberta Career and Placement Services statistics, 80% of job opportunities are NOT advertised. Therefore, **networking** is an important avenue for job hunters and the **ECES technical meetings** are an excellent opportunity to network in a casual environment. Also, for ECES members, the ECES web resume

databank is a free service! Send us your resumes or job opportunities to include on the website.

8. Did You Know

(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)

-The Saturday, October 23, 2004 Globe and Mail had a special section covering many pages on China. It is definitely noteworthy reading if you missed it.

9.0 Contact Us (2004 executives)

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