



FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Location: Room 232 Bob Lamb Centre

Present: Joseph Amalraj, Kimberley Mervyn, Maha Al-Khalidi, Malcolm Edirisinghe, Jey Kumar, Jacob Oommachan, Sanil Sivarajan, Aldous Walters, Henry Xu, Oli Worku

Regret: Joneson Chiang, John Huntley, Christian West

Absent: Mitchel Azmier, Jason Kachur, Wayne Kosik

(Minutes recorded by Kimberley Mervyn)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Joseph at 19:08 hr.

1. Agenda Review

Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Jacob and seconded by Kimberley.

2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting

Motion made to accept the minutes was moved by Jey and seconded by Malcolm.

3. Business arising out of previous meeting minutes

a. None

4. Review Action Log

a. **Central Storage Location:**

Reviewed during the branch chair's meeting, and found that it was not a typical issue for the other branches who manage it individually. Those located in Edmonton and Calgary store things at head office. Head office to look into it further.

5. Reports

a. **Chair's Report**

Presented by Joseph:

-For the trinkets, 3 items were selected by the branch chairs and when they are required, chairs to e-mail Sandy Roth at head office with the quantities.

-Alan resigned, so the presentation he was going to do is postponed.

b. **Treasurer's Report**

Reported by Kimberley (from Joneson's report):

-FMM Branch remains financially sound

c. Outreach Co-ordinator

Wayne not present:

-It was noted that Wayne was on the PEGG. Congratulations to him.

6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events

a. Paintball:

Reported by Christian (after meeting): successful event with about 25 participants. Students were really excited by the event and had a blast. Lots of positive talk about how “with it” CIM and APEGGA are in Fort McMurray as opposed to their home branches. Would recommend doing the event again, but in June next year.

b. Table Tennis:

Henry has booked it for October 13 in conjunction with the Fort McMurray Table Tennis Club. Flyer will be submitted to head office for distribution.

c. Info Night:

Joneson not present, and he is to head the event. Henry and Malcolm to follow-up with him on organizing. Information is prepared by head office and ready once requested.

7. New Business

a. President’s Visit:

Joseph reported that the President’s Visit will be February 3. Will need to confirm with the Sawridge for booking the event. Jacob mentioned that last year the executive and spouses were complimentary invites, but not the members-at-large. It was discussed how it may be better to forgo the lunch and have all of the branch volunteers be able to attend if cost was the issue. Joseph to look into the matter further with head office. Joseph also to distribute the President’s Visit guidelines.

b. Badminton:

Jacob talked about the Badminton Club to co-sponsor a Junior Badminton event in November. Once date is confirmed, a flyer will be posted through head office.

c. Technical Seminar:

Jey mentioned that ASME was interested in doing a co-sponsored presentation on pressure vessels. Good topic, but want to keep the info about ASME brief and none presented on APEGGA. Jey to confirm with Joneson when the Info Night is to be held so as to not conflict with the months. Another technical seminar to be done in which Joseph and Jey will co-host.

d. Keyano 1st Year Student Presentations:

Joseph mentioned how Keyano holds small presentations for their 1st year Engineering Students in which engineers go and discuss their work history and what they do now. If interested, Joseph can provide the contact information.

8. Around the Table

-Jey wanted to know how many times a person can be absent from meetings (including regrets) and still be considered a part of the branch. Joseph said that it will be discussed and the existing by-law on non attending members will be revisited in the next meeting.

-Joseph mentioned that if Joneson isn’t able to make it, there should be a back-up designate. Henry volunteered. Thank you Henry!

-Kimberley mentioned that she will not be at the next meeting. Jey volunteered to take minutes. Thank you Jey!

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 14 at Father Mercerdi High School.

Adjournment: 20:24