

2006/2007
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BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORT, February 2006

BRANCH ACTIVITIES

The Central Alberta Branch has held two Executive Meetings since the last Activity Report and held its 2006 President's Visit and Annual General Meeting on February 7, 2006. The next Executive Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2006.

The 2006 Central Alberta Branch President's Visit kicked off with a few words from Red Deer Mayor Morris Flewwelling, who spoke about the capital project plans for Red Deer and area over the next few years and the important role engineers and geoscientists will play in seeing the projects through from start to finish. Then Alberta's Minister of Innovation and Science, the Honourable Victor Doerksen, said a few words about Alberta's potential for the export of technology development with the high quality of intelligence and ingenuity that APEGGA members bring to the province.

Mr. Larry Staples, P.Eng., then gave his address which covered topics such as the importance of Foreign-Trained Engineers and Geoscientists to APEGGA and some good-news statistics on their relative ease of registering with APEGGA, capital projects throughout Alberta and the entire Pacific Rim, with half of the development happening right here in Alberta, and the latest on ASET's name change and lobbying of the Government to grant their own legislation. Larry presented his reasons against what ASET has done and is planning, and suggested APEGGA members to read an article in the February 2006 PEGG Readers' Forum which was a letter to Alberta's Premier from a group of engineering consultants.

Two members were honoured for achieving Life Membership with APEGGA, and eight members who received their P.Eng. status during the past year were inducted into APEGGA by presentation of pins and the reading of the Professional Oath with APEGGA President Larry Staples, P.Eng..

The Central Alberta Branch Annual General Meeting then got underway with a recap of the Branch's activities over the past year, in hopes of attracting more members to join the Executive. The floor was

opened to nominations for the Executive with zero nominations forwarded. With one new Member-at-Large forwarding his name prior to the AGM and one Member-at-Large stepping down, the CAB Executive number stayed the same at 11.

Two Lunchtime Forums were organized by Peter Stevens, P. Eng., one on December 6, 2005, titled "APEGGA Compliance" with Mr. David Todd, P. Eng., APEGGA Director of Compliance, and one on February 7, 2006, titled "Red Deer Regional Hospital Redevelopment Project" with Richard Wilson, P.Eng.. Interest remains high for these events, with attendance numbers around 18 to 20 people per forum. The next Lunchtime Forum will be held on March 7, 2006, titled "Nanotechnology in Alberta" with Steven Dew, University of Alberta.

Outreach activities have been slow with a lack of volunteers. The effort to create "canned" presentations based on the science curriculum from the Red Deer School Board is still planned.

The 2006 Science Olympics will be held March 4, 2006 at West Park Middle School in Red Deer. The activities have been sent out and plans are underway to organize and recruit volunteers.

The Central Alberta Branch, along with the Red Deer College, continues to sponsor a series of lectures titled "Sustainable Communities". The last lecture of 2005 was on December 1, 2005 titled "Light Up the World" with Dr. David Irvine-Halliday. The presentation was well-received by those attending. The committee is working on organizing future speakers.

BRANCH BUDGET

The Central Alberta Branch is financially sound.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 28, 2006 – Special Dinner Event, "Living Without Limits" with Mr. Ross Watson, the first blind person to climb Mt. Logan, Canada's highest peak.

March 4, 2006 – APEGGA Science Olympics, West Park Middle School, Red Deer

March 14, 2006 – RDC Engineering Student Night

May 6, 2006 – Central Alberta Branch Professional Development Day

Future Event Possibilities – Quinn Pumps tour, Olds College Innovation Centre tour, Rimbey CO2 Extraction Plant tour, Noise Solutions tour, Canada Technology tour