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**VERMILION RIVER BRANCH**  
**Sloane P. Dieken, P. Eng.**  
**November 19, 2008**

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## **REPORT TO COUNCIL**

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### **SUBJECT**

#### **BRANCH ACTIVITIES**

We have held two executive meeting on October 27 and November 3.  
We have submitted the branch budget and branch business plan.  
Several key executive members have left the branch to pursue other career opportunities. We have lost the treasurer, the treasurer elect, the science fair coordinator, and two members at large.  
We have presented seven student awards at area schools this fall.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

The branch is planning a member social evening at a local Pool establishment for November 20, 2008.  
The branch Presidents visit and AGM is planned for March 4, 2009.  
The branch is planning to continue with the Science Olympics events that were such a success last year. Last year the two Junior High Schools held a Science Olympics Event Day instead of a Science Fair, one school was in February, and the other was in March. The events were well attended by students and APEGGA volunteers. The dates for these events have not been picked yet but we will need to confirm with the schools that they will be doing this event again this school year.  
The branch is planning to hold a PD day on May 7, 2009, speakers and topics to be determined.  
The branch is planning for a tour of The Canadian Salt Company Limited, Lindbergh Facility in the spring of 2009.  
The branch is planning a Golf Tournament for June 18, 2009.

#### **BRANCH OPERATIONS**

##### **Supporting APEGGA Vision/Mission via Branch Terms of Reference**

The Branch's 2008/2009 Business Plan calls for increased involvement in areas relating to Member Involvement, Public Awareness, and Promote Science & Technology to Students. These areas are addressed with the following action plans and committees.

### **Member Involvement**

A Member Social event is planned for November 20 at a local Billiards club. This event will drive the member social campaign to plan more events such as poker tournaments, paintball days, or bowling nights as participation demonstrates member benefit. The annual PD Day is planned for May 7, 2009 and this committee is headed by C. Ketchum.

### **Public Awareness**

The Committee of S. Dieken and D. Wiltermuth will promote and review the 2009 Teacher Awards Nominations to choose a winner for the Vermilion River Branch, and arrange an evening celebration for the award recipient. The branch responds to requests for volunteers as needed in the Branch.

### **Promote Science & Technology to Students**

A group headed by D. Wilermuth is investigating the potential for holding the Science Olympics at the two Lloydminster Junior High Schools this February/March 2009. S. Dieken will continue to promote and present awards for excellence in Math and Science at the Junior High School level in the Vermilion River Branch Schools.

## **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

The Branch is financially sound.  
The branch does not have a Treasurer.