



FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Saturday, July 11, 2009

Location: 321 Sandpiper Road (Malcolm's House)

Present: Joseph Amalraj, Kimberley Mervyn, Joneson Chiang, Maha Al-Khalidi, Malcolm Edirisinghe, John Huntley, Wayne Kosik, Jey Kumar, Jacob Oommachan, Sanil Sivarajan, Aldous Walters, Henry Xu

Regret: Mitchel Azmier, Christine Hernani, Christian West

Absent: Jason Kachur

(Minutes recorded by Kimberley Mervyn)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Joseph at 18:45 hr.

1. Agenda Review

Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Jey and seconded by Aldous.

2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting

Motion made to accept the minutes was moved by Joneson and seconded by Jacob.

3. Business arising out of previous meeting minutes

a. **None**

4. Review Action Log

See attached.

a. Joseph to check with head office about storage of old records and some information could be sent for archiving.

5. Reports

a. **Chair's Report**

Presented by Joseph:

-Anne and Kim not able to make it to the BBQ.

-Central e-mail for branch: still outstanding because other branches' interest has increased, so head office looking into.

-Alan's presentation: 2 day orientation about overall head office function. Would include evaluation and process of applications and current plan is to present to executive only. Outstanding item to see if the typical 2 day presentation could be compressed to 3-4 hours.

-Anne Simpson to be involved in the teacher's award. Talk to principals at the schools for increased nominations and involvement.

-Trinkets topic was brought up with Alan but nothing further at this time.

-Engineer's Canada: started presenting fellowship Engineers Canada to people who have volunteered for 10 or more years. Honorary for Geologists and Geophysists. Plan to possibly do it annually.

-Possible interest in doing a technical supper similar to the lunch seminars held in Calgary and Edmonton. Joneson, Aldous and John to look into possibly holding something at the Golden Years Society or basement of Cozy Corner. Engineers Without Borders could be a possible presentation topic.

-Late August is the deadline for the 2010 budget planning.

b. Treasurer's Report

Reported by Joneson:

-FMM Branch remains financially sound.

c. Outreach Co-ordinator

Reported by Wayne:

-Teacher's Award: Fort McKay's Christine Chudly was the recipient and earned \$2000 for the school. The choice was made by Christine Hernani and Wayne Kosik.

6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events

a. Paintball:

Christian planning for mid August.

b. President's Visit:

Joseph mentioned head office needs to start planning for the branch visits, so Fort McMurray's date set for sometime in March (to be checked that does not conflict with the days off at Suncor and Syncrude).

7. New Business

a. Kananaskis Meeting

Jey updated everyone on the latest information. By May 2010 there is to be mobility between the provinces with consistent requirements across the nation. 13 countries signed the Washington Accord for foreign qualifications. Will be alternate methods of assessment for those where English is not the primary language, with benchmarking of language requirements. Also introduced new Engineering disciplines now being offered by some universities.

8. Around the Table

-Huge thank you to Malcolm for the use of his home, and to his family for their help. Also a big thanks to Henry, Joneson, and Jey for helping cook.

-Reminder that Christine Hernani has moved away and resigned from the branch.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at Bob Lamb Centre.

Adjournment: 20:00