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LETHBRIDGE BRANCH REPORT
Len Ring, P. Eng., Chair
November 19, 2008

REPORT TO COUNCIL

REGULAR BRANCH ACTIVITY REPORT:

General Comments:

- The Branch has been quite active since the last Council meeting.
- Two Branch Executive meetings were held.
- The 2009 Business Plan and Budget were finalized and later revised.
- The family barbeque was enjoyed by all who attended.
- Two Lunch & Learn Sessions were held.
- A successful APEGGA President's Visit was completed.
- Two (2) high school student awards were presented.

Lunch & Learn Session Topics:

- The University of Lethbridge's "**Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building**" by Dr. Stewart Rood
- The Lethbridge College's **African Water Projects** by Jerry Johnson.

APEGGA President's Visit – November 17, 2008

- The afternoon tours included the Korite (ammonite) Mine, the U. of L. Alberta Water and Environmental Science Building, a terrestrial imaging facility and the Lethbridge College "Living House".
- A successful dinner was held with about 58 people in attendance, including 25 VIPs, 4 new members and 1 life member.

High Level (CPR) Bridge (the Lethbridge Viaduct) Centennial Celebration:

- Branch members Derrick Tannahill and Mark Bellamy prepared a proposal for both APEGGA and Engineers Canada to consider in regards to appropriate ways to suitably commemorate this event.
- As a follow-up to the President's Visit, the next morning members of the Lethbridge Branch Executive met with President Gordon, President-Elect Jim and Executive Director Neil for breakfast and the bridge centennial was the main item of discussion.
- With the many good suggestions made by Gordon, Jim and Neil, the Branch will be revising its proposal and submitting that revised proposal to APEGGA and Engineers Canada for consideration.

SUMMARY:

The Branch is more active than last year, thanks partly to our new program chair, Ginger Rogers, P. Geol.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

The Branch is fairly well off financially, but with our increased level of activity now and proposed for the future, the amount of funding we will need from head office will be up quite a bit from the amount we have received in the last couple of years. APEGGA staff questioned our original business plan and corresponding budget, so we did revise it. That revised plan and budget have been submitted for consideration. We hope it will be accepted.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

In order to guarantee that APEGGA (in conjunction with the local permit holders) will be the major sponsor for the Galt Museum March to September exhibit, we would like APEGGA Council to commit to providing sufficient funding for that sponsorship. It would likely be in the order of \$10,000 to \$12,000 depending on how much the Branch can solicit in donations from APEGGA permit holders in Lethbridge and area. The total cost of the 5-month exhibit is in the range of \$100,000. We need to give the Galt Museum a commitment soon, so that APEGGA (and the permit holder donors) can be recognized as the only major sponsor of the exhibit. The exact amount of funding required and other aspects of the Branch proposal for celebrating the Bridge Centennial can be dealt with later, when the revised Branch proposal is received. We expect that the revised proposal will be submitted prior to the December APEGGA Council meeting.