



APEGGA

The Association of
Professional Engineers, Geologists
and Geophysicists of Alberta

Fort McMurray Branch

NEWSLETTER

February 2002

From the Chair's Desk

By Mitch Azmier, P. Eng.



Welcome to 2002. I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. This executive's tenure is now more than half way complete, and we have held many successful events so far. I would like to thank the organizers of the Trade Show Booth, the Social Night, the Professional Development Seminars and the Wine and Cheese Night.

We hope to see you at some of our events this winter. Coming up first is the President's Visit. The APEGGA President, First Vice-President, Past-President, and Executive Director will be joining us on January 23rd, here in Fort McMurray, for dinner, a presentation and socializing. This is your chance to meet the leaders of the organization, and help to induct the new professional members in the area. The Fort McMurray branch will also welcome its first R.P.T. (Registered Professional Technologist) this year.

There are two technical events in February. There are more details on these below. The Annual General Meeting will be on March 27th. Join us for dinner and help us elect the 2002/2003 branch executive. If you are interested in joining our executive next year, please contact our Nominating Committee Chair, Paul Hagar, P.Eng. at 790-5885.

Finally, please pass this newsletter along to any students or new-hires in your area who might be interested in attending these events, or joining the branch executive.

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Technical Nights:

Finor-Daniel Presents:

Oilsands Expansion Technology

February 20, 2002

Sawridge Hotel

Dinner and Presentation

Tickets must be arranged in advance
from the Executive.

This event is free of charge.

C.I.M./APEGGA Present: Extraction Managers' Night

February 12, 2002

Oilsands Discovery Centre

Presentations by:

Jerry Handford – Syncrude Canada Ltd.

Brad Bjornson – Suncor Energy Inc.

Art Ratte – Albion Sands Inc.

\$5 Members, \$10 Non-Members

Beer and Pizza

Fort McMurray Branch

Annual General Meeting

All Members and Spouses are invited to attend our
AGM on March 27, 2002 at the Sawridge Hotel.

**Guest Speaker: Mike Ashar, P.Eng., Executive
Vice President, Suncor Energy Inc. Oilsands**

Tickets will be available from the Executive.

Reminder:

President's Visit and New Member Induction Ceremony – January 23, 2002

Upcoming Events

January 23 **President's Visit and New Member Induction Ceremony**
APEGGA President, Dale Miller, P.Eng.

February 20 **Technical Night**
"Oilsands Expansion Technology"
Presented by Fluor Daniel
Sawridge Hotel
Dinner will be served
Tickets are free but must be requested in advance from the APEGGA Executive

February 12 **CIM/APEGGA Technical Event**
"Extraction Managers' Night"
Oilsands Discovery Centre
\$5 Members, \$10 Non-members, Students free
Beer and Pizza will be served
Tickets available from your APEGGA and CIM Execs

March 27 **Annual General Meeting**
Guest Speaker: Mike Ashar, P.Eng., Executive Vice President Oil Sands, Suncor Energy Inc.
Sawridge Hotel
Dinner will be served
Ticket price to be announced
Tickets available through the APEGGA Executive



by Rattan Garcha P.Eng.

This year's Wine and Cheese event was held at the MacDonald Island Pavilion on the evening of November 20, 2001. Brian Lade, P. Eng. led the gathering through the tasting of different wines. He provided the history of each kind of wine served, including where the grapes are grown in the world & how the new world wines are made.

The APEGGA members who attended the evening enjoyed the talk and socialized at the gathering. The attendees also received a useful tip on how to buy a good red wine to take to a party for immediate consumption without the need for cellar storage and without compromising the taste. Those interested in getting more information on wines please contact Rattan Garcha at 790-4830.



by Jacob Oommachan P.Eng.

The Continuing Professional Development Seminar for Ft. McMurray's APEGGA members was conducted on November 15, 2001 at the Sawridge Hotel.

"Leadership" and "Winning with Difficult People" were the two subjects presented. "Leadership" was presented by Debora Rothermel, President of "ideaWorks Leadership and Management Systems" and "Winning with Difficult People" was presented by Bruce Lee, President of "Custom Learning Systems Group Ltd".

A total of 58 APEGGA members from various organizations in Fort McMurray attended the seminars. It was a great success.

Outreach Update



The Oilsands Discovery Centre hosted a Lego bridge-building competition this fall. Children aged 6-13 randomly selected a type of bridge to build: over a highway, over a river, across a deep ravine or a pedestrian bridge. The competitors could enter as individuals or work in teams. The bridges were judged on key

design features (strength and/or flexibility, ability to provide the function), safety for the people and cars using the bridge, and appearance.

Thanks to our volunteer judges for this event: Paul Hagar, P.Eng., Chris MacPhee, M.I.T.

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