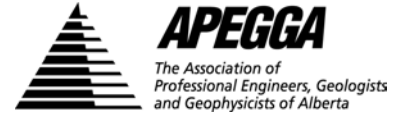


FORT McMURRAY BRANCH NEWSLETTER



July 2001

From the Chair's Desk



Hello Everyone!

The newsletter is back... And it's only one of the ways we'll make sure that you know what's going on at your local branch. At a glance, you'll know what's coming up so you won't miss a beat! And make sure you contact one of us if you see something that you would like to be involved in organizing – it's never too late to get involved. We also want to hear about some ideas that you might have for events and what you would like to see in your newsletter. We would love to hear from you. We'll have a great year together!

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On behalf of the new 2001/2002 branch executive, I'd like to send greetings to our membership. One of the things we are going to focus on this year is improving communication with the APEGGA members in the Wood Buffalo area. We are reviving the branch newsletter and will mail it to you on a regular basis this year. The newsletter will notify you of upcoming events, as well as give updates on completed events. Also, we plan to have our website up to date with all of our events and meetings; the address is www.apegga.com/aboutapegga/branches/index_fortm.c.htm. Earlier this year we tried using the e-mail system to reach the community with a last minute announcement, but over half our member's e-mail addresses were inaccurate or missing. I hope everyone can spare a minute to send a note to email@apegga.org, confirming their preferred e-mail address.

I'd like to introduce the branch executive to you; our names and contact information are listed at the bottom of the back page. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to discuss please call or e-mail us. We have a full slate of events to offer you this year. These include a social night for all members (with a focus on also getting M.I.T.s and new hire non-members out), an evening Mentoring event, a Continuing Professional Development day, and a Wine and Cheese Tasting Evening. These are in addition to our regular events which include the APEGGA President's Visit & New Member Induction Ceremony and Dinner, our Annual General Meeting and Dinner, joint events with CIM, Teacher's Awards, Student's Awards, and National Science and Technology Week events. The executive is looking forward to enjoying these events with you this year, and I hope to see you there!

Regards,

Mitch Azmier

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on April 3rd, 2001 at the Sawridge Hotel. We were unable to secure a keynote speaker, and had only 25 attendees this year; as such, the event this year had more of a family atmosphere. Paul Hagar, P. Eng., 2000/2001 Branch Chair, graciously volunteered to lengthen his chair's address by presenting a brief history of the branch and the many changes that have occurred within our branch and APEGGA in general.

The financial report was presented by the 2000/2001 Treasurer Mitchel Azmier, P. Eng. and the election of the 2001/2002 executive was administered by Prakash Mullick, P. Eng. The new executive for 2001/2002 are listed at the bottom of this page.

President's Visit

APEGGA President Sue Evison, P.Eng., 1st Vice President Dale Miller, P.Eng. and the Executive Director Neil Windsor, P.Eng. visited the Fort McMurray branch on February 21, 2001. The APEGGA head office team enjoyed the afternoon touring the Syncrude mine and tailings operations. This was followed by a fun filled evening attended by dignitaries such as CEOs of the local oil companies, the Mayor and the MLA.

The induction of the new local members to the profession, and the honoring of Mr. Downey McGladdery, P. Eng. as a Life Member marked the occasion. Mr. McGladdery helped start the Fort McMurray branch in the 70's, which has since grown from a handful of members to the current membership of six hundred. Our "hats off" to acknowledge Mr. McGladdery's tremendous contribution to the Fort McMurray APEGGA branch.



2000/2001 APEGGA President, Sue Evison, P.Eng. presenting Lifetime Achievement Award to Downey McGladdery, P.Eng.

Upcoming Events

Members, MITs and Students Casual Night
Professional Development Day
Wine and Cheese Evening
Mentoring Evening

Date

October 4 (tentative date)
October 19 (tentative date)
Mid November
Early December

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