



NEWSLETTER

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From the Chair's Desk

By Mitch Azmier, P.Eng



It is an exciting time for Professional Members in the Fort McMurray area. With all of the investment in the Oilsands, the opportunities for Geologists, Geophysicists and Engineers are expanding rapidly. The number of professionals in town has grown, many from outside the province and outside the country. One of the challenges for APEGGA is to make contact with these newcomers. Professionals from out of province may not realize that they need to transfer their registration to Alberta, even if they are on a temporary assignment. New grads from other provinces may not know how to contact APEGGA, and new hires from out of the country often do not know that APEGGA will evaluate their credentials case by case. All it takes to initiate registration is encouragement from a colleague who is a Professional Member. Other questions can be answered through the APEGGA head office at www.apegga.org or 1-800-661-7020.

The local branch would like to encourage the newcomers to join us at our events, but we do not have names and addresses until they become APEGGA members. Help us reach out by passing this newsletter to a new hire in your area.

Professional Development Seminar

Thursday, November 15 at the Sawridge Hotel

- Registration 9:00
- Presentations 9:30 – 4:30
- Lunch is included

Topics:

Leadership – Deborah Rothermel (IdeaWorks, Calgary)
Winning with Difficult People – Bruce Lee (Custom Learning Systems Group Ltd.)

For details on registration please see the reverse



Wine and Cheese

Tuesday, November 20

MacDonald Island Pavilion

Mr. Brian Lade P.Eng. and member of the Opimian Society, is the guest speaker. He will guide us through tasting several wines. Food will also be served.

For tickets please see the reverse.

Upcoming Events

Update your calendar!

Professional Development Seminar

Thursday, November 15 9:00 – 4:30

Sawridge Hotel

Registration Fee \$100

Contact Jacob Oommachan 790-6002, Bruce Durnford 790-8278 or any member of the executive.

President's Visit and New Member Induction Ceremony

Wednesday, February 20

Wine and Cheese Evening

Tuesday, November 20

MacDonald Island Pavilion

Cost: \$20

Contact: Rattan Garcha 790-4830, Paul Hagar 790-5885 or any member of the executive.

Technical Speaker

TBA - January

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, March 27

SOCIAL NIGHT

Our annual Social Night was held on October 4. We undertook a new format this year. This free event was held at the MacDonald Island Pavilion, with catered snacks and a cash bar.

We invited the Registered Members, and we put notices around the city and workplaces to contact newcomers who are not yet members of APEGGA. We were successful; several out of province engineers and foreign applicants attended to get information on registration with APEGGA.

The evening was mostly social, and many of the companies and/or major projects in the area were represented. We all met new people and swapped stories. It was an enjoyable evening.



Did you see us at the Oilsands Tradeshow?

APEGGA sponsored a booth at the Oilsands Tradeshow for the first time. The tradeshow is the one of the biggest technical events held each year in Fort McMurray. Our branch made a commitment this year to actively reach out to our members in town, as well as the many new engineers, geologists and geophysicists that have recently joined our community from other provinces and other countries.

We met many new professionals and answered a lot of questions; we provided information on registration, continuing professional development, services and upcoming branch events. Over 60 registration packages were requested. We also had the opportunity to discuss and explain the role of our association to many members of the community at large. Look for us next year.

Outreach Update

Every year the Fort McMurray Branch offers several awards to the students with the highest combined marks in Grade 9 science and math at each high school. These awards are provided by our Showcase Fund endowment, supplemented by branch funds from our Career Outreach division.

Congratulations to the 2001 award recipients:

Composite High: Michael Boone, Philip Au, Ashley Crewe, Lisa Mywaart

Father Mercredi: Jacquelyn Fulford, Brian Hodson, Danielle Jessome

Westwood: Megan Vorster, Jordana Fair, Vanessa Horne

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