



# APEGGA

The Association of  
Professional Engineers, Geologists  
and Geophysicists of Alberta

Peace River Branch

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## I Bid Farewell



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Well, my time as Chairperson is coming to an end. I have enjoyed my time as Chair and have had the opportunity to meet many interesting Engineers, Geologists, and Geophysicists! As Chair, I was able to participate in Council meetings and meet Council members. The experience allowed me to understand more fully the issues that Council are dealing with. Now, reading The PEGG has more meaning because I have more knowledge of the issues the articles are written about!

Most of all, I have had great pleasure in working with the Executive here at the Peace River Branch. We have done a lot to meet the goals and objectives in our Business Plan, mostly due to the accountability and hard work of those on the Executive. Thank you for making my role so easy! As for you, the general Membership, **get involved** as your actions and commitment to the Branch **will** make a difference!

## Did You Know...

That we have members all over the Peace Country! How many and in what city are listed below:

Beaverlodge - 6	Bezanson - 1	St. Isidore - 1	Sunset House - 1
Clairmont - 1	Crooked Creek -	Valleyview - 3	Wanham - 1
2 Fairview - 5	Falher - 1	Wembley - 4	Widewater - 1
Grande Cache - 8	Gr. Prairie - 142	Woking - 1	
Grimshaw - 3	High Level - 3		
High Prairie - 4	Hines Creek - 1		
La Crete - 1	Manning - 1		
McLennan - 1	Peace River - 43		
Rainbow Lake - 11	Rycroft - 1		
Sexsmith - 6	Silver Valley - 1		
Slave Lake - 12	Spirit River - 2		

# The Value of APEGGA Membership

What value DO we get with our APEGGA membership? It is a question that continues to be pondered by members. And sharing the message of the "Value" is one of the challenges APEGGA has. As stated by Len Shrimpton, Director of Professional Development, the following are benefits bestowed on us as members of APEGGA:

- **PRIDE** in knowing that you are part of a very large ethical and competent profession
- **PRESTIGE** in the fact that professionals are perceived to be a "cut above the rest"
- **POWER** by virtue of our large size in terms of influence and buying power
- **PROTECTION** of the title
- **RESPECT** from the reputation for quality that has built up over 80 years
- **MONETARY REWARD** because licensed professionals generally earn higher salaries
- **MOBILITY** because your credentials are recognized nationally and internationally
- **HIRABILITY** because your credentials are recognized
- **REPRESENTATION** at the municipal, provincial and federal government levels
- **STANDARDS** of practice developed by peers internally or in conjunction with government

## Past Events

- On Feb 11<sup>th</sup>, we attended the **Career Fair** and although it occurred during the Teacher's strike, there were many students inquiring about Engineering.
- On Feb 26<sup>th</sup>, there was a **Technical talk on Eco Industrial Solutions** – Developing plans to look at ways to reduce waste at Industrial Parks by reusing different company's waste by products. About 30 people attended with a good mix from City employees, ASET and APEGGA members
- March 6<sup>th</sup> was the **President's Visit**. After a lunch with the Swan City Rotary club, we had the Annual Steak and Lobster event. Approximately 45 people attended including dignitaries. Vlad Sizov was inducted as a Professional Engineer at the event.
- March 7<sup>th</sup>, the **President** went to Peace River where he met with Engineers from DMI prior to the **Luncheon**. Good discussions occurred there. The Luncheon had about 20 people and there were 2 inductees.
- A **Student Night/Job Shadow** occurred on March 28<sup>th</sup> with full attendance by the GPRC Engineering students. About 12 members also attended.



**Vlad Sizov and President Dale Miller recite the Oath of a Professional Engineer. Vlad was inducted as a new professional member at the annual President's Visit/Steak & Lobster event.**



## Upcoming Events

A full list of branch events are located on our website located at [www.apegga.org/aboutapegga/branches/events\\_peace.htm](http://www.apegga.org/aboutapegga/branches/events_peace.htm). Look for the flyers in your mail for more details!

Upcoming branch events are:

- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Peace River Branch AGM – Be a Part of It!
- June – PD Day – 1 day session with choice of 2 of 4 topics to choose from
- July 13<sup>th</sup> – Joint ASET and APEGGA Golf Tournament, Pipestone Creek



**President Dale Miller and some of the Peace River Executive at the President's Dinner.**

**Back row: Jim Davis, Dale Miller, John Lehnrs  
Front row: Hasan Rivzi, Lisa Hall, Heidi Yang, Sylvain Cadieux**

## Annual General Meeting

We will be having our AGM on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the Center 2000 building. Our evening will include a tour and discussion of the future Interpretive Center that will be housed on the bottom level of the Center 2000 building. It should be an informative and interesting discussion! (See flyer enclosed for more details)

Below you will find the nominees for the 2002/2003 APEGGA Peace River Branch Executive. Anyone interested in running for a position or wanting to get involved, please contact Heidi by May 14<sup>th</sup> at (780) 539-8674 or come to the AGM.

### Nominations for 2002/2003 Executive Positions

#### **Chairperson**

Lisa Hall

*Prior Positions Held* – 1992-1994 Member at Large  
2001-2002 Vice Chair

#### **Treasurer**

Sylvain Cadieux

*Prior Positions Held* – 1998-2002 Secretary

#### **Outreach Coordinator**

Trent McLaughlin

*Prior Positions Held* – 2001-2002 Outreach Coordinator

#### **Members at Large**

David Lario – *New Nominee*

Darryl Quist – *New Nominee*

Darwin Juell

*Prior Positions Held* – 1998-2002 Member at Large

Hasan Rivzi

*Prior Positions Held* – 2001-2002 Member at Large

Dan Ropchan

*Prior Positions Held* – 2000-2001, 1998-1999 Past Chair

Jason Fimrite

*Prior Positions Held* – Member at Large

Jim Davis

*Prior Positions Held* – 2000-2002 Treasurer

#### **Vice Chairperson**

*Position Open*

#### **Secretary**

Cheri Berns

*Prior Position Held*—2000-2002 Treasurer

2000-2002 Student Outreach Volunteer

#### **Bert Hunt**

*Prior Positions Held* – 1980s Branch Chair

1980s –2002 College Liaison

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**Reasons to Join the Executive**

Just in case you are needing some incentives to join the Executive, here are a few that the existing Executive came up with. It truly is a worthwhile experience!

1. You can count your involvement towards PD Points!
2. It is a good way to network with other APEGGA members
3. It provides you a way to influence what goes on and make decisions within our APEGGA branch
4. It is a valuable networking opportunity for your career
5. Provides a venue for you to learn more about what the APEGGA organization is all about, what issues are taking place at head office and how Council is dealing with them

**Feedback**

What would you like to see in the next Newsletter? Comments about this one? I would love to hear from you! Contact me at [handc@telusplanet.net](mailto:handc@telusplanet.net)

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