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Happy New Year!

Where has 2001 gone? It only seems like yesterday that we were sitting on the deck enjoying the sunshine, sipping on ice cold lemonade. Now, we try to capture some of the light filled hours of the day, keeping in the back of our minds that the days are getting longer! We have recently rung in the new year with our New Year's resolutions in tow, and the APEGGA Peace River Branch executive is busy working off of our Business Plan we developed last fall.

Indeed, we have made great strides and have had many accomplishments from our Business Plan from promoting science and engineering through our Science Night during national Engineering Week, increasing our relationship with ASET by providing them the opportunity to attend our events (and in turn for us to attend their's), to increasing communication to our members through these quarterly newsletters, development of our Branch's Web Page, and email notices of events (just to name a few!). Our executive year isn't even over yet!

As 2002 rolls in, think about what we as a Branch have accomplished, what we should accomplish in the future, and what part you can play in making it happen. The important part to remember is to **get involved** as your actions and commitment to the Branch will make a difference!

Fast Fact

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Did You Know?

Our Peace River Branch extends across much of Alberta from as north as High Level to as far south as Grande Cache, with most of the membership within Grande Prairie. Our Branch consists of : 186 Professional Engineers, 5 Professional Geologists, 1 Professional Geologist/Geophysicist, 56 Engineers in Training, 1 Honorary Member and 15 registered students.

Mentoring

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I would write a little about APEGGA's Mentoring Program. In September, the APEGGA Council agreed to support a pilot mentoring program by committing \$10,000 to the project. If there is corporate support, the program will be available throughout the province within 12 to 15 months. The pilot is being developed in Calgary and APEGGA has hired a consultant to help in the development of the mentoring program. A complete set up package for all branches is envisioned as part of the successful launch of the program, and is something that the Peace River Branch is looking forward to!

The last two editions of *The PEGG* have had articles regarding mentoring. The first article talks about what skills are required to be a good mentee and listed the things that must be done to ensure a good mentoring relationship. The second article, which will be in the January edition of *The PEGG* identifies 38 activities that help lead mentees to positive results through preparation and implementation of the mentee/mentor relationship, reviewing accomplishments, and taking the next steps.

We are planning to bring Dr. Judith Lentin up for Professional Development Days to help us learn more about mentoring—look for it! More information on mentorship and the articles mentioned above can be found at:

<http://www.apegga.org/members/mentor/index.htm>



Building Relationships with ASET

One of our goals in our Business Plan is to continue to develop our relationship with ASET through the networking and sharing of our Branch activities and events. So far we have had two shared events—one organized by APEGGA (Risely Tour) and one organized by ASET (Ainsworth Tour). We had representation from each of our organizations at each of our events, which is very positive! We hope to have more successful events where we will have the opportunity to network with ASET.

Past Events

Risely Tour

A very informative and well organized tour of the Risely facility, looking at all aspects of its operation from design, engineering, manufacturing to the finished product.

Science and Technology Week—Science Night

This was held at Parkside school in October (Halloween in fact!) in celebration of Science and Technology Week. We had over 100 students and parents enjoying a night of science and engineering! Many of our Outreach Volunteers taught students about structures, chromatography, aerodynamics, rocks and more. Fun was had by all!

Science Night—A chance to learn and have fun at the same time!



Upcoming Events

A full list of branch events are located on our website located at:

www.apegga.org/aboutapegga/branches/events_peace.htm

Look for the flyers in your mail for more details!

Upcoming branch events are as follows:

- **January**—Wine Tasting with Glen Rogers
- **February**—Exciting Technical Talk on Industrial Ecology by Tracy Casavant
- **March**

Meet our APEGGA President Dale Miller in Peace River for Lunch and Grande Prairie for dinner
Job Shadow/Student Night (postponed from November to make it an even better event!)

Benefits of APEGGA Membership

Did you ever wonder what the REAL benefits are in becoming an APEGGA member?

What are our dues being used for? Find out in the next newsletter!

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 **heidw.yang@weyerhaeuser.com**

