

Peace River Branch Newsletter

February 2003

Peace Country Science Olympics 2003

National Engineering and Geoscience Week (March 1-9) is an annual event designed to increase public awareness about the important role engineering plays in the lives of Canadians. As a part of its community interactions, the APEGGA Peace River Branch, along with Science minded Professionals and Teachers, are taking an active role in promoting National Engineering and Geoscience Week in the Peace Country area through the 2nd Annual Science Olympics. Open to schools in the Grande Prairie and surrounding areas, the Science Olympics was a one day science competition for Junior high and Senior high students. Teams put their knowledge of Science to the test and competed for medals and prizes, with the team that accumulated the most points in their division declared the overall winner. This year, we plan to make the event even bigger by opening up the event to the Peace Country area and increasing the event to 30 teams. We will also have Science Activity Centers where people can have fun learning and playing with Science!

VOLUNTEERS! We are still looking for volunteers to help us with the Science Olympics. We are looking for Judges, Helpers, Registration, and people to run the Science Activity booths. Everything will be provided for you. If you are interested, please contact Andrea Barnes at andrea.barnes@gov.ab.ca or contact Heidi Yang at (780) 539-8674. It will be loads of fun, and you can even put your time towards PD points!

Science Olympics will be held on March 8th, 2003 in the Grande Prairie Composite High School. We welcome you to come and watch the talent and creativity of our future leaders!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

* all numbers are daytime phones*

FEB 27: Wine Tasting, 7PM
Contact Sylvain Cadieux @ 780-539-3222

MAR 8: Science Olympics
Contact Heidi Yang @ 780-539-8674

MAR 11: Peace River APEGGA President
Lunch
Contact Dan Ropchan @ 780-322-1075

MAR 11: Grande Prairie APEGGA President
Visit and AGM
Contact Lisa Hall @780-539-8646

PEACE RIVER BRANCH AGM ON MARCH 11th Consider These 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!

- You can count your involvement towards PD Points!
- It is a good way to network with other APEGGA members.
- It provides you a way to influence what goes on and make decisions within our APEGGA branch.
- It is a valuable networking opportunity for your career.
- Provides a venue for you to learn more about what the APEGGA organization is all about, what provincial issues exist, and how Council is dealing with them.



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PEACE RIVER BRANCH EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

We are currently searching for enthusiastic, committed and motivated people for the Peace River Branch Executive. We have the **Secretary** position available as well as **Members at Large**. Below you will find the nominees for the 2003/2004 APEGGA Peace River Branch Executive. Anyone interested in running for a position or wanting to get involved, please contact Heidi Yang by March 3rd at (780) 539-8674, or come to the AGM.

Chairperson

Cheri Berns Prior Positions Held:

2002-2003 Vice Chair

2000-2002 Treasurer, Outreach Volunteer

Vice Chairperson

Darwin Juell Prior Positions Held:

1998-2002 Member at Large

Treasurer

Sylvain Cadieux Prior Positions Held:

> 2002-2003 Treasurer 1998-2002 Secretary

Secretary

Position Open

College Liaison

Bert Hunt Prior Positions Held - 1980s -2003 College Liaison, 1980s Branch Chair

Outreach Coordinator

David Lario Prior Positions Held:

2002-2003 Member at Large, Outreach Volunteer

MEMBERS AT LARGE:

Peace River Area

Trent McLaughlin Prior Positions Held – 2001-2003 Outreach Coordinator Dan Ropchan Prior Positions Held – 2001-2003 Member at Large;

2000-2001, 1998-1999 Past Chair

High Level Area

Darryl Quist *Prior Positions Held* – 1998-2003 Member at Large

Grande Prairie Area

Jim Davis Prior Positions Held – 2001-2003 Member at Large Jason Fimrite Prior Positions Held - 2000-2003 Member at Large

Prior Positions Held – 2002-2003 Secretary; 2001-2002 Member at Large Hasan Rivzi

Prior Positions Held - 2002-2003 Past Chair; 2001-2002 Chair, Outreach Volunteer Heidi Yang