

**VERMILION RIVER BRANCH  
ACTIVITY REPORT TO COUNCIL  
SEPTEMBER, 2002**

**2001 / 2002  
Branch Executive**

**Chair:**  
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*Sheldon Stark,*  
*E.I.T.*

Since the last Vermilion River Branch Activity Report (February 2002), the following activities have taken place in the Vermilion River Branch:

**Executive Meetings:**

Branch executive meetings were held in Lloydminster on February 25<sup>th</sup>, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, and June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2002.

**Student Outreach:**

Completed tracking spreadsheet for branch student awards. Preliminary contact has been made regarding Teacher Awards for 2003 as well as some discussion around holding a science olympics in March 2003.

**Events Held :**

On March 20<sup>th</sup> the branch AGM was held in conjunction with the President's Visit & Address, Professional Member Induction Ceremony and Life Member Recognition. 7 new professional members were inducted. Total attendance was 51 people. One new MAL (B. Howe) was welcomed onto the executive for a short period of time (Brad has since moved onto Red Deer) and two MAL's resigned (D.Wooldridge, K.Howe). On June 6<sup>th</sup> our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Professional Development and Dinner Presentation was held with sessions on: a) "*Winning with Difficult People*" and b) "*Thriving on Change*" (both sessions by Bruce Lee). The dinner presentation was given by Kerry Keating with API Grain Processors on "*BioFuels*". Attendance for the PD courses was almost double from previous year at 55 people. Preliminary review of expenses and revenue indicate a net profit of approximately \$1200. On June 20<sup>th</sup> the annual Vermilion River Branch Golf Tournament was held with over 50 golfers attending (net loss of \$200 due to cost of prizes). The local ASET/SASST branch assisted with organization of PD day and sponsorship for the golf tournament.

**Future:**

The next executive meeting has been set for September 16<sup>th</sup> in Lloydminster. Plans are underway for planning the next years events. Recruiting is in progress to replace the executive members that have either resigned (D. Wooldridge, K. Howe), moved away from the branch (C. Ketchum, B. Howe), or requested less involvement in the branch (J. Sweeney). The next year will be challenging as we attempt to bring in new people with fresh ideas.