



Chair's Message

Bryan Brassington, P.Ge., *Chair*

Dear Branch Members,

Summer is finally here and so is tour season. Come on out to one of the upcoming APEGBC Okanagan Branch construction tours at the Fortis BC Black Mountain Substation or the Sparkling Hills Resort. These tours are bound to fill up fast, so sign up quickly to confirm your spot. Or join us for an afternoon of golf and networking at our annual golf tournament at the Pinnacle course. On the horizon is the annual LobsterFest and President's Visit, which are set to happen in July. Please see below for more info on these events and to register.

Recent news from APEGBC and information about the Okanagan Branch's Career Awareness and Student Outreach program are also presented below. Our Career Awareness and Student Outreach program is just getting going and would appreciate your input into the program and any assistance you can provide. Contact ok@apeg.bc.ca to find out how you can get involved in securing the future of our professions.



Regards,

Bryan Brassington, P.Ge.

Upcoming Branch Events

Fortis BC, Black Mountain Substation Tour
Thursday May 28, 2009 @ 3:00pm

The Black Mountain Substation on Joe Riche Rd. is a \$12million, 30MVA Fortis BC project to provide sufficient capacity to supply the needs of the growing Black Mountain neighbourhoods and maintain regional reliability of the power distribution network. Mr. Martin Ward of Fortis BC will provide a tour of the facility and answer any questions presented during the tour. The tour is open for up to 24 people and cost is \$10. [To register click here.](#)





As the facilities are currently under construction, attendance is limited to members and guests over 18 years of age and a hard hat, steel toed boots and a hi-vis vest are required to access the site. It is recommended that attendees bring their own personal protective equipment, however a limited number of hard hats and hi-vis vests may be available (contact ok@apeg.bc.ca if you need PPE). The tours will run approximately 1 hour and your attendance will count as 1 hour of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credit.

**Annual APEGBC Okanagan Branch Golf Tournament and Barbeque Dinner
Thursday June 18, 2009 @ 2:00 pm**

The Okanagan Branch annual golf tournament will take place on Thursday, June 18 at the 9-hole Pinnacle Course at Gallagher's Canyon. The format is a four person scramble, starting at 2:00 pm, followed by a barbeque dinner from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. Six tee-off times have been reserved, so the golf field is limited to 24 players, but the barbeque dinner following does not have a limit. Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded at the dinner!



Cost for this event is \$45 for 9-holes of golf and dinner and \$25 for dinner only. [Registration is through the APEGBC web site online registration.](#) The Pinnacle Course at Gallagher's Canyon is a fun mid-length course, and the scramble format suits all levels of golfers, since you don't have to play your bad shots! If you have any questions, contact Martin Lindquist, EIT, by email at mlind@stravar.ca.

When: Thursday, June 18, 2008. Golf tee times are between 2:00pm and 3:00pm, dinner at 5:00pm.

Location: The Pinnacle Course at Gallagher's Canyon, 4320 Gallagher's Drive West, Kelowna, BC ([map](#)). Take Pandosy or Gordon Road to KLO, and follow KLO until it turns into McCulloch Road. The entrance to the golf course is Gallagher's Canyon Blvd. Follow the signs to the Pinnacle Course, as it has its own parking area, separate from the main club house parking.

Cost: 9 holes of golf and dinner, \$45; Dinner only \$25. Non-APEGBC members and spouses are welcome.

Registration: [Click here to register.](#) Registration Deadline is Tuesday June 16 at 5pm.

Dinner only, please [click here](#)



**Sparkling Hills Resort Construction Tour, Predator Ridge
Thursday June 11, 2009 @ 4pm**

Sparkling Hill Resort will be Canada's introduction to the luxurious wellness centres offered in Europe. The 150 room hotel and wellness spa will match the individual care and attention to detail demanded in Europe. Come see the site and learn about the various challenges experienced and overcome in building this world class resort in its unique location overlooking the Predator Ridge golf course. Mr. Wayne Bilawchuk of PCL Constructors Westcoast, inc. will provide a tour of the facility and answer your questions on the project. This tour is open for up to 15 people and the cost is \$10. [To register click here.](#)



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**APEGBC President's Visit and LobsterFest
Date to be determined in July**

We will welcome the APEGBC President Dr. Margaret Li, P.Eng. in July for our Annual LobsterFest Event. Stay tuned for more information about this event.



Career Awareness and Student Outreach Program

**School District #23, Science and Technology
Conference May 5, 2009
Report by Mr. Garrett Hamilton-Smith, EIT**

On May 5th 2009 School District #23 put on a Technology Conference to help inspire students in grades 9-11 to pursue their interests in engineering, science and technology. Garrett Hamilton-Smith, EIT (EMPAC Engineering) and





Sarah Young, EIT (Site 360), two APEGBC Okanagan branch members, created and gave a presentation on electrical and civil engineering showcasing the ins and outs of an engineer's job, how to become an engineer and the fundamental importance of the maths and sciences taught throughout their high school education. Three groups of about 10 students came through this presentation and had a chance to build a homopolar motor and understand basic bridge design.

The APEGBC Okanagan Branch is eager to continue creating engineering and geoscience related career awareness programs for elementary and secondary school children. For more information on our Career Awareness and Student Outreach program or to volunteer your ideas or time in this endeavour, please contact Garrett Hamilton-Smith at: ok@apeg.bc.ca.

Executive Nominations

The local Okanagan Branch of APEGBC is always looking for ways to serve its members, and would benefit from the new ideas brought by new people interested in serving on the local executive. As a member of APEGBC please consider serving on your branch executive. By doing so you'll be promoting engineering and geoscience in your community, strengthening your ties to your community, gaining valuable professional development experience, helping to provide mentoring and educational opportunities to younger engineers and geoscientists, and maintaining your 'duty of care' to the professions.

If you know somebody that you think would be a good candidate, suggest them for a nomination. Local branch elections and the Annual General Meeting will be held at the President's Visit and LobsterFest in July.

If you are interested in participating in the Okanagan Branch executive, or have suggestions for candidates, please contact the Okanagan Branch of APEGBC (ok@apeg.bc.ca), or the current Okanagan Branch Chair, Bryan Brassington, P.Geoscientist (bbrassington@golder.com).

News at APEGBC

Fee Bylaw Fails

During the recent fee bylaw, a total of 7,751 members (representing 39.3% of eligible voters) voted on the fee bylaw amendment (proposing an increased member fee to \$335). Of these voters, 59.8% voted in favour of the fee bylaw amendment. As two-thirds majority is required for bylaw ratification, the amendment does not pass. Council and staff are currently working to adjust the budget accordingly, by significantly scaling back some of APEGBC's regulatory functions. Mindful of the Association's purpose as a self-regulating body, these cuts are undertaken with great regret. More information on the cost-saving



actions that will be implemented by the Association will be made available in the May/June issue of Innovation.

Eligible voters: 19,711 Ballots received: 7,751
Spoiled ballots: 15 Return rate: 39.3%

APEGBC Council Strategic Plan

Ever wonder what APEGBC Council is working on? The following link will guide you to the 2008 to 2010 Strategic Plan and Council Workplan:

<http://www.apeg.bc.ca/about/council/index.html#objectives>

2008-09 Okanagan Branch Executive

Your 2008-09 Okanagan Branch Executive is:

Bryan Brassington, P.Geo.

Chair, Golder Associates Ltd.

Craig Merkl, Ph.D.,P.Eng.

Past Chair

Martin Lindquist, EIT

Vice Chair, Cobalt Engineering

Emily Sabo, P.Eng.

Treasurer, Urban Systems Ltd.

Jennifer Clarke, P.Geo.

Secretary, Clarke Geosciences Ltd.

Carl Zanon, P.Eng.

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Dale Pilling, P.Eng.

MAL, Pilling and Associates Ltd.

Murray Peart, P.Eng.

MAL, Peart Engineering & Machine Ltd.