



APEGBC Okanagan Branch Newsletter—September 2007

Upcoming Events

Okanagan Branch Annual General Meeting and Elections

Featuring a

Tech Talk by Don Lister of Golder Associates on the Design and Construction of the Kicking Horse Canyon Bridge – September 20, 2007.

The Okanagan Branch is holding its Annual General Meeting, complete with Okanagan Branch elections on Thursday, September 20, with the reception starting at 6:00 pm. The event will be similar in format to last year's AGM, and will be held in the same location as last year, room ART 366 at UBC Okanagan. Coffee and snacks will be served at the reception, which will also provide a chance to mingle with the other attendees, including UBC Okanagan students.

Featured at the AGM will be a tech talk presented by Don Lister, P.Eng., a senior engineer at the Victoria office of Golder Associates Ltd. Don will be presenting his talk on the geotechnical aspects of the design and construction of the new bridge at the Kicking Horse Canyon, which officially opened on August 30, along with the approaches along Highway 1. The bridge has a 405 metre span, with five piers reaching as high as 90 metres. More information on the project is available on the Ministry of Transportation website, at <http://www.gov.bc.ca/tran>. Attendance to the presentation earns a one hour CPD credit.



The Okanagan Branch annual general meeting and elections will follow the presentation, at approximately 8:00. Cost for the event is \$10 for professional members and guests, \$5 for EIT's/GIT's, and free for UBCO students. Registration is online, using the APEGBC online registration, or email Dr. Craig Merkl at Dr.Merkl@telus.net with the subject line "OK Branch AGM and Tech Talk". Any registration fee money collected in excess of the costs for the event will go toward the scholarship fund the Okanagan Branch is developing.

Event Details:

When: Thursday, September 20, 2007, reception at 6:00 pm, announcements at 6:30, presentation at 7:00, AGM and elections at 8:00

Where: UBC Okanagan, room ART 366, on the third floor of the Arts Building (part of the Irving K Barber School of Arts and Sciences). Free parking is available after 5 pm. For parking lot and building location information, see the campus map at: http://www.maps.ubc.ca/PROD/images/pdf/ubc_okekanagan_campus_map.pdf

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APEGBC Elections

APEGBC council elections are underway, and you should have received your ballot by now. Besides the council elections, there are several bylaw amendments up for vote. Ballots must be received at the Association office in Burnaby by noon on Friday, October 12. We would like to take this opportunity to note that it is important to vote, and we encourage everybody to take the time to read the information about the candidates and bylaw amendments that was mailed out with each ballot.

Also worthy of note is that there is a local candidate running for the position of Councillor, in Matt Cameron. Matt is the Past Chair of the Okanagan Branch, and had functioned as Branch Chair for several years. Information on the council election and bylaw amendments can be found at <http://www.apeq.bc.ca/about/council/nominationcriteria.html>.

Typically less than 20% of our membership votes in the election process. Membership engagement is a key strategy of Council's goal of professional renewal. Council also encourages members to vote yes to the fee bylaw amendment, Bylaw 10(b)(i), which would increase member fees by \$39. This increase will serve to replace the Association's aging member record system and IT infrastructure, enhance government and public relations and increase the Association's support to Branches. Move the Association and the Professions forward: vote yes for the fee bylaw amendment.

Past Events

Okanagan Branch Golf Tournament June 12, 2007

The Okanagan Branch golf tournament returned to the Pinnacles course at Gallagher's Canyon this year, followed by dinner at the club house. It was a great evening for golf, and a lot of people turned out to show off their golfing skills. Thanks to Rick Peshytk for organizing the event.





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Lobster Dinner and President's Visit July 10, 2007

APEGBC President Tim Smith visited the Okanagan Branch on July 10, and spoke on the subject of climate change. The President's visit was combined with the annual lobster dinner, and 11 new registrants took advantage of the occasion to receive their certificates.



Certificate recipients (in no particular order): Marta Green and Agnes Koffyberg received their P.Geog; Kusila De Silva Jayanetti, Trevor Lynch-Staunton, Homayoun Najjaan, Vladimir Neykov, Dion Torhjelm, and Andrew Van Dyk received their P.Eng; and Justin Allaire, Ehren Lee, and Michael Symonds received their EIT Registration.