

PEACE RIVER BRANCH MINUTES

Branch Executive meeting

In Attendance	2008 past APEGBC PRB executive APEGBC PRB members Guests
Recorder: Al Zackodnik	

	TOPIC	DISCUSSION	RESPONSIBILITY / ACTION
	Review Old Business 2007/11/09 Meeting		
	Looking forward to Engineering /Geoscience's week 2008 Coordinated Continuing Professional Development	Continue to pursue teaching materials- What is a truss/what is an I-beam/what makes a strong bridge? – Attempt to prefab a package following questionnaires and feedback from teachers. Target grade 7. Incorporate Geosciences. Looking for photos, posters & written input. Continuing. Plan events for three communities in 2008: Tumbler Ridge/Fort St. John/Fort Nelson. 5 local professional associations participating.	PRB executive Media Coverage: Radio /Newspaper Looking for event Outreach Coordinators in Fort Nelson and Tumbler Ridge
	Budget Discussions. Vote to move the timing of the APEGBC PRB AGM to better facilitate budget preparations.	APEGBC wishes to conclude budgets at the end of June. This will require PRB to shift its AGM from November to the middle of May of each year in order for the new executive for the year to be responsible for forecasting budget requirements of the current year. To date, the current year executive has had to rely on the success of the previous years executive I securing funding.	Motion from the floor to move the timing of the APEGBC PRB from November to May approved.
	Changes to the Act	Experience component of registration is challenged. Decision of council to grant people a limited licence in the discipline they are practicing in (until bylaw or Act is changed. At such time as Act or bylaw is changed, applicants will get full registration)	
	PPD Discussions	Discussion of a joint practice board between APEGBC & Foresters. Looking at course that may be available through BC Hydro. Oil and Gas Commission a possible source of training. Discussion related to the difference between co-sponsor member rates and non member rates for courses. General interest in Climate change.	MLA Richard Neufeld to be approached to talk to the BC Energy Plan
	New Business		
	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 08/04/25		

<p>Guest Speakers: The honourable Richard Neufeld-BC Energy Plan</p>	<p>Brendan Miller on behalf of the Peace River Branch of the APEGBC, thanked MLA Neufeld for his 1 hour interactive presentation and presented a gift of “Fantastic Feats and Failures”.</p>	
<p>Al Hartley-Carbon Capture & Storage related to BC Reservoir Characterization</p>	<p>The Peace River Branch of the APEGBC thanked Al Hartley for his 80 minute presentation on Carbon Capture.</p>	
<p>Agenda 1.Certificate Presentation 2.Branch Report 3.Treasurers Report 4.Thanks to past Executive 5.Elections 6.Discussion</p>	<p>AGM commenced immediately following presentations by guest speakers.</p>	
<p>1. Certificate Presentation</p>	<p>Past President Brendan Miller presented Arshad Ahmad with his Certificate of Registration</p>	
<p>2. Branch Report - Review of previous years activities</p>	<p>The Peace River Branch of the Association of Professional Engineers and GeoScientists of BC held three major community events in 2008 to date promoting engineering and geoscience. Popsicle stick bridge breaking and Geoscience fun days were held February 15th 2008 in Tunbler Ridge; March 1, 2008 in Fort St. John; and March 8th 2008 in Fort Nelson. 166 teams participated (TR75;FSJ75;&FN16) with 18 cash prizes awarded for first, second and third strongest bridge in each of 2 categories. In addition certificates were awarded for ingenuity in design. Honourable mention and a certificate was also presented to the strongest bridge in the open category. MLA Richard Neufeld was on hand to make the presentations in Fort St. John and photos from the event can be seen on Minister Neufelds website. Large crowds attended the fun days in all three communities. The assistance of branch members in staging the event is acknowledged as is the participation of Ledcor, the BC Oil and Gas Commission, Dayton & Knight and Front Counter BC. Peace River Palaeontology Research offered free registration to their Dyno Camp worth \$550 to each of two participants in each of the competitions. SciTech North offered a draw for a free science magazine to the lucky winners in each community. APEGBC provided, Frisbees, pens, stickers and an assortment of promotional material, all with the APEGBC logo.</p> <p>Coordinated Continuing Professional Development (CCPD) through partnership agreements was able to facilitate several course offerings over the winter including the talk on sequestering carbon by Alf Hartley which immediately preceded this Annual General meeting. CCPD consists of members from APEGBC, BCIA, AP Bios of BC, Association of Forest</p>	

Professionals and the Association of BC Professional Surveyors.

The Peace River Branch wishes to acknowledge the work of its members and to note the contribution of Robin Bailey toward the Branches continuing objective of producing lesson plans for teachers in two areas, bridge structure and bridge design. Robin provided a backgrounder on the physics of structural design that was included in the mail out of entry forms for the registration of teams in the bridge building contests.

Attention is drawn to the APEGBC Website
[http://www.apeg.bc.ca/branches/event report.html](http://www.apeg.bc.ca/branches/event%20report.html)

See attached financial statement for the past year:

The Peace River Branch account balances with CIBC show funds available to pursue the branches goal and objectives as described to the APEGBC.

Current balance is \$2557
It was noted that a motion was passed at the 2007 Annual General Meeting to spend \$1000 of PRB funds toward the development of education materials for local schools aimed at promoting engineering and geoscience.

Brendan Miller expressed his gratitude for the support while in office as president he received from the immediate past years executive. He also acknowledged the work of members and the participation of members in CCPD events

The contribution of all members to the Branches activities is very much appreciated.

The following is the results of nomination and voting for year 2008/09 executive:

Declared elected-
Greg Lever- Chair
Al Zackodnik- secretary
Don Buckland – treasurer
Jason Vissers – Fort Nelson Representative
Kevin Passonage – Event Coordinator

Brendan Miller- Past Chair

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Budget Actions approved by vote of the new executive:
1.Purchase of a digital gauge for the bridge busting machine.
2.Purchase of a new oversized cylinder for the bridge busting machine.
3. Costing and purchase of an air compressor based on a favourable cost per volume ratio.

Resolutions:

Treasurers Report

Thanks to out going executive members

Elections

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Discussion

Lessons learned from this years bridge breaking competitions pint out a weakness in the rebuilt testing equipment. Inaccuracies were introduced once loads to the bridges reached more than 330 pounds. The compressor did not have enough pressure to deliver the extreme loads. There were at least 4 bridges that were reaching loads in this range. The problem can be solved with either a new cylinder with larger surface area on the plunger or a higher capacity compressed air tank. A tank with a large reservoir would be preferred. Also a generic digital read out with large numbers is required to allow the audience to follow the loading in more detail. This will reduce the need to announce each load change. A pressure transducer that will operate between 400 and 500psi should be examined. The idea being the maximum recorded load will remain on the readout.

Issues arose regarding the advertising of the Bridge Building events. The APEGBC adds were too large and poorly timed. It was resolved to approach council and determine if the Peace River Branch could be given a separate budget for a larger number of smaller adds to be better synchronized with PR Branch events.

Sponsoring the Fun Day in three communities was a great deal of work. It may be that APEGBC PRB can only manage 2 events in any given year. Resolution to review this issue each year as part of the event planning meetings.

Options for the presentation of materials at the bridge building contests were discussed. A broadcast system (consisting of live video transmission to a TV set or sets) will be investigated for 2009 events

Potential tours and social function were discussed. A tour of the operating oriented strand board mill will be pursued. Annual July BBQ for all members to be pursued. Details to be discussed at the next meeting. Coordinated Continuing Professional Development. Target 3 Professional Development events. Approach BCIA for their schedule of events.

1.The next AGM Meeting is scheduled for May 2009

Kevin Parsonnage-
Investigate costs & bring a list of candidate air compressors to the June 4th meeting.

Robin Bailey-
Investigate a digital read out guage

Jim Jarvis
Investigate a large cylinder with more surface area for the plundger

Greg Lever
Assign the task of resolving advertising difficulties to an executive member.

PRB Executive

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Brendan Miller
Will investigate further.

Next meeting will be June 4th 2008