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APEGBC AGM Branch Representatives Meeting Joshua Hayes, APEGBC Victoria Branch Chair

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The branch representative's meeting was held at the 2004 APEGBC Conference and AGM. This is a venue at which representatives from all the APEGBC branches in British Columbia get together and share information and ideas. Two representatives from each branch, typically the Chair and Vice-Chair, are invited to share their experiences with the rest of the group. The minutes from this meeting will be published on APEGBC website once they have been approved.

The meeting begins with business arising from minutes from the last meeting. We talked about the Structural qualification board exams, Tax receipts from the foundation and Archive storage on-line for the branches.

The next segment of the meeting contained a report from the APEGBC headquarters staff. The APEGBC staff reviewed policies, activities, initiatives and financials, and fielded question from the branch representatives. The member services and affinity programs were also reviewed. The APEGBC headquarters would like to expand the affinity programs to more members so that more options and savings for affinity program products (insurance, cell phones, etc.) will be available to the members.

The next segment of the meeting contained new branch business. Specific items that have been placed on the agenda by branch representatives were discussed by the entire group. Some of the issues discussed were:

- Distribution of grant funding to branches
- Membership participation in the branch meeting
- Branch involvement with the EIT program
- Involvement with local elementary and secondary schools
- Drawing volunteers to be part of the branch executive
- ASTTBC and APEGBC merger update
- Application of the SER
- Tax receipts for donations to branch charity funds
- Legal costs
- CPD sessions outside the lower mainland
- Engineers and Geoscientists in the news
- Monthly chairs newsletters

I hope this has given you an insight into the work that goes on behind the scenes for your branch and all the branches in British Columbia.

Regards, Joshua Hayes,
APEGBC, Victoria Branch Chair

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This Month's Branch Dinner Meeting:

Globalization of Services: An Opportunity to Build Our Future Communities

The presentation will provide insights behind the trend of out-sourcing associated with globalization of services and the major differences between the two big skilled-labour pools: India and China. With this shift by companies towards the use of out-sourcing and global teams to deliver services, comes an opportunity to build our future communities. In his presentation, Hardy will outline a global community initiative that leverages the opportunity afforded by the globalization of services. The presentation will use a "lessons learned" approach to sharing risk management strategies for delivering globally resourced services.

This Month's Speaker Bio: Mr. Hardy Sekhon

Hardy is a Partner in the Victoria Branch of Sierra Systems. In his role as Director of Consulting Services, his primary focus is on project delivery management within the public sector market. Over the past five years he has provided the leadership in establishing the offshore component of Sierra's Global Delivery Model. His knowledge and understanding of sourcing global IT services, coupled with his practical focus on project delivery management, has enabled him to successfully deliver projects for his clients using global teams. Hardy completed his B.Sc. in Computer Science from UBC and an MBA from SFU.

Event Details

WHEN:

Thursday, November 25, 2004; Social at 5:30 pm; Dinner at 6:30 pm; Presentation at 7:45

LOCATION:

Haro Room, Cadboro Commons, University of Victoria

- For directions and maps to the University of Victoria, link to: <http://www.uvic.ca/maps/index.html>.
- To find out where Cadboro Commons is on campus, link to: <http://www.uvic.ca/buildings/com.html>

Parking is available in Lot 5 and is free of charge after 6:00 p.m. Parking permits may be purchased during the day from vending machines located at most Campus entrances.

COST:

Advanced Registration	\$20.00
At the Door	\$25.00
Students	\$10.00
Presentation Only	\$5.00

REGISTRATION:

Please register in advance via the telephone answering service at 721-8896 by TUESDAY, November 23, 2004. Provide the names of those whom you are registering and your telephone number. If you cannot attend after registering, please call 477-3046 by NOON the day before the meeting and give notice of cancellation on the answering service. The branch must pay for dinners for the no-shows. If you cannot attend the dinner, please join us for the presentation.

Meetings Around Town

ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter

Please check the ASHRAE, Vancouver Island Chapter for upcoming meetings [www.ashrae.bc.ca/vi.htm]

Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS)

Meetings are normally held the third Friday of each month from September to May, excluding December. Please see the website for details: <http://www.cgs.ca/english/reg-div/vic-loc.html#news>

Engineering Institute of Canada (EIC), Vancouver Island Branch

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday October 1, at the Travelers Inn, 1961 Douglas. For more information, please link to: <http://civil.camosun.bc.ca/vib-eic/>

Institute of Transportation Engineers (CITE), Vancouver Island Section

The September meeting is in Victoria at Travelers Inn (Between Douglas and Blanshard on Discovery St), Thursday Sept 30th at 11:45am. Peter Asfour, 3M Canada Company, Traffic & Personal Safety Systems will be presenting on the topic "Traffic Sign Design Elements for an Aging Society". Details are on the website www.citebc.ca.

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