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The May dinner meeting is held in conjunction with the AGM. It will be held on Thursday, May 25 2006 in the Vancouver Island Brewery at 2330 Government St., Downtown Victoria (visit website:

www.vanislandbrewery.com). The AGM starts at 5:45 pm and there will be Chair's year-end report, treasurer's report and the nominations for the next executive. This is followed by dinner at 6:45 pm. Dinner seating will be limited. Registration is required (on a first come first serve basis). All are welcome to attend the AGM. There will also be a brewery tour immediately before and after dinner.

Register early to ensure a place in the dinner. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 ea.

Summary of the April Dinner Presentations

Our April dinner meeting speakers were Ken Nielson, Emergency Coordinator for the City of Victoria and Jim Whyte, Manager of Operations for the Provincial Emergency Program. Ken spoke of his past experience with the Canadian Air Force survival unit teaching marine and wilderness survival skills. He highlighted his experience during blizzard of "96" and the role he played as the Emergency Coordinator. He also described his responsibility as the leader of a team of volunteers and staff in preparing the City of Victoria to respond to, and to recover from, major catastrophic or disastrous events in the region. Jim, on the other hand, referred to his past experience in the Ministry of Environment. He explained his duties and responsibilities which included the management of a specific kind of environmental inventory: that of ground water and surface water. As a network specialist with the River Forecast Centre, he helped manage flood forecasting, monitoring, and flood response for the Ministry. In his capacity as the Manager of Provincial Operations for the Provincial Emergency Program, he described how he coordinated provincial response to major events such as 2003 Wildfires, 2003 Fall Flooding, and 2005 Ice Jam Flooding. Today, Jim is busy coordinating Provincial Government readiness and response to major emergencies, which means he is on stand-by every minute of the year.

Events Details

When: **Thursday, May 25, 2006:** Social at 5:30 pm; AGM at 5:45 pm; Brewery Tour at 6:30 pm; Dinner at 6:45 pm; Brewery Tour at 7:30 pm; event ends at 8:30 pm

Where: **Vancouver Island Brewery** at 2330 Government St., Downtown Victoria. Parking is available in the brewery and there is street parking in the neighborhood.

Cost: **Cost (dinner included):** Members and guests \$25.00 ea., students \$15.00 ea.

RSVP: **Registration is required for this event.** Please register in advance via email duane@wakefieldacoustics.com. Provide the name of those who you are registering and a phone number. Students must provide student number and **phone number**. Seating capacity will be limited and **reservations will be allocated on a first come first serve basis so please register early.** If you need to cancel, please call **477-0151** and post your cancellation on the answering service (please note that the branch may have to pay for cancelled dinners). Friends, associates, students and partners are always welcome at all APEGBC Victoria Branch Dinner Meetings.

Upcoming Events

APEGBC, Victoria Branch

Victoria Branch dinner meetings are held the last Thursday night of every month from September to May excluding December. Meetings are usually held in the Cadboro Commons Building, University of Victoria and start at 5:30 p.m.

The next dinner meeting is at the Vancouver Island Brewery, Downtown Victoria. Everyone is welcome to attend the AGM scheduled for Thursday May 25, 2006.

Events

- May 25 - AGM of Victoria Branch, APEGBC.
- June 7-8 - Electric Code Comparison. *Information:* <http://learningcentre.csa.ca>.
- June 19-23 – UN-Habitat World Forum III. *Information:* www.unhabitat.org/wuf/2006.
- Oct 1-4 – Sea to Sky Geotechnique. *Information:* www.seatoskygeo.ca.

Photos of the April Dinner Meeting



Ken Nielson giving an introduction to his presentation.



Ken Nielson talking about emergency coordination.



Jim Whyte talking on flood management.



Aurelia Jacobsen and Jim Whyte with souvenir.



Aurelia Jacobsen and Ken Nielson with souvenir.



Tom McLean and speakers.

We thank Joshua Hayes who took these photos.

Reader's Corner

In the last executive meeting on April 4, 06, committee members decided that the Reader's Corner would start in the fall of 2006. Members also agreed to restrict submissions to 250 words per article. The editorial hopes that this new addition to the newsletter can provide effective means for APEGBC members to communicate with one another and share viewpoints and ideas that are beneficial to our engineering community as a whole.

Acknowledgement to the Executive

The Editorial would like to express its appreciation to members of the Executives for their advice and support. We are particularly grateful to Sharlie Huffmann (Branch Chair) for providing useful information on upcoming events and branch activities; Tom McLean for supplying the details on the speakers of the dinner meetings; Joshua Hayes and Chris Wright for providing the photos and presentation summaries; Cari Wells for taking over the editorial when Harry Kwok is away; Duane Marriner for reviewing our dinner events; and many others who have contributed to the success of the 05-06 newsletters.

Finally, the editorial wishes you all a very pleasant summer and look forward to your participation and contributions in the fall.

Have Your Say!

Do you like our format? Do you have concerns or comments you like to voice? We love to hear from you and welcome any contributions to this newsletter, humorous or otherwise. Please send them to Harry Kwok, University of Victoria at hllkwok@ece.uvic.ca.

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