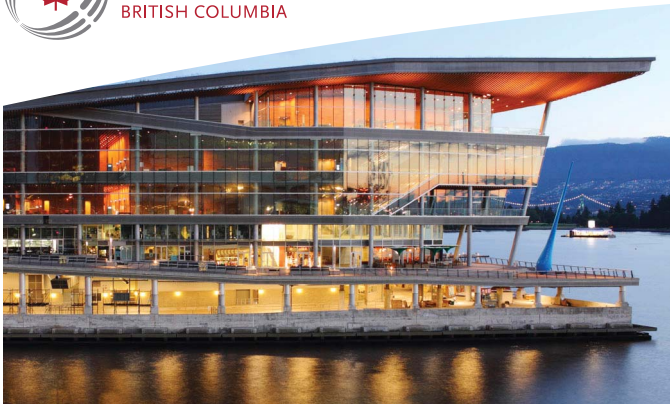




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Message from the President Keith Sashaw

As noted in this issue of Newsbrief, ACEC-BC held its annual meeting on June 5th, where those in attendance heard a presentation that was out of this world on the activities of the past year. I am pleased to say that due to the hard work and commitment of the volunteers and staff, ACEC-BC had a very successful year.

In the period from July 2013 to June 2014, we had a very busy year providing a vast array of programming for our members. Since September 2013 there have been 39 member events held including 3 Golf Tournaments, 9 Mixers, 16 YPG Seminars and 6 PD Seminars, 1 Past Chairs' dinner, a dinner for the leaders of member companies and 1 Transportation Conference. In addition we hosted a very successful MLA Lunch to

which over 30 MLA's attended, and a Spring Reception. Of course, the highlight of the last year was the 2014 Awards of Engineering Excellence Gala. We have launched a very successful Professional Development series, with sessions on contracts, business development and proposal writing. Two of the business development sessions sold out. We also delivered an informative session with Helmut Pastrick, entitled "Economic Review and Outlook", which provided useful intelligence for our members to develop their business plans. Collectively, over 4,000 participants have attended ACEC-BC events over the last year.

As a result of our communications strategy, ACEC-BC is becoming well-known as the voice of the consulting engineering community in BC. Through the issuance of regular media releases, providing thoughtful and insightful analysis of the Major Project Inventory, the media are more aware than ever of the importance of consulting engineers. As a result of this strategy, there were over 12 million media impressions in the last year.

Immediately following the annual meeting, the Board of Directors held a retreat to review the strategic plan and to lay out the priorities for the next year.

Among the priorities identified by the Board is to continue to address issues surrounding the procurement of engineering services, especially by public owners. We will continue to press for adoption of the Qualifica-

tions Based Selection method of procurement. In addition we will continue to raise concerns as they arise about contracts that are not fair, open and transparent.

The Board was pleased with the response to our professional development series, and we plan to expand our offerings to help our members deal with emerging issues and business-related topics. In addition, we will be looking to see if we can be developing some programming to help purchasers of consulting services better understanding the importance of proper contracts and procurement practices.

ACEC-BC will continue to promote the views of the consulting engineering community and to raise the profile of this important sector of the economy.

We are very excited about the upcoming year, and are busy planning the calendar of events. As always, we welcome your input and ideas, so please feel free to contact me at any time with your suggestions.

On behalf of the Board and staff of ACEC-BC, have a great summer, and we look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Keith Sashaw
President & CEO, ACEC British Columbia

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held June 5th at the Coast Plaza Stanley Park Hotel in Vancouver. **George Mitchell**, P.Eng.; and **John Sherstobitoff**, P.Eng. were elected to the board for four year terms. Continuing and elected directors are as follows:

Directors

Adrian Corlett, P.E.

Delcan, a Parsons Company

David Daw, P.Eng

Hatch Ltd.

Mike Dickens, P.Eng

Kerr Wood Leidal Associates

Catherine Fritter, P.Eng

Moffatt & Nichol

Cameron Gatey, P.Eng

Urban Systems Ltd.

Shane Johnson, P.Eng

Klohn Crippen Berger

Jeannine Martin

Buckland & Taylor Ltd.

Carl Miller, P.Eng.

Levelton Consultants Ltd.

George Mitchell, P.Eng. (newly elected)

Tetra Tech OGD

Asifa Samji, MBA

Stantec

John Sherstobitoff, P.Eng. (newly elected)

Ausenco

Tim Stanley, P.Eng

MMM Group

Homayoun Vahidi, P.Eng

IBI Group

Ken Wiecke, P.Eng

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Prior to the AGM, members and guests heard a very engaging keynote address by **Ralph Kison** on *Pursuing Opportunities and Respecting Values: A Corporate Conundrum?* The keynote address was introduced by Jeff McLellan of *BFL Canada Insurance Services*, event sponsors.

Immediately following the AGM, members and guests were invited to attend the annual garden reception and scotch tasting event, led by scotch whisky connoisseur Bob Kyle.



Catherine Fritter and Keith Sashaw presented a cheque for \$6,000 on behalf of ACEC-BC to Claudio Arato (I) of Make-A-Wish Foundation of BC & Yukon. Additional funds raised at the golf tournament by Associate Members Bay Wealth Management/Investors Group, and by Enterprise Rent-A-Car raised the grand total to \$7,500 donated to this worthy organization.



Standing: Shane Johnson, Mike Dickens, Carl Miller, David Daw, Keith Sashaw, Jeannine Martin, Homayoun Vahidi, Michael Carlino, Adrian Corlett, Steve Fleck.

Seated: Cameron Gatey, Catherine Fritter, Ken Wiecke.

During the week following the AGM, the new board of directors met and appointed the members of the 2014-2015 Executive Committee, and ex officio directors.

Ex officio directors appointed for one year terms are: **Steve Fleck**, P.Eng, MBA, *Stantec* who will continue in his role as an ACEC-Canada Director; **Charlie Yao**, P.Eng, Chair of the ACEC-BC Young Professionals Group; and **Michael Carlino**, P.Eng, *MMM Group*, Chair of the Building Engineering Committee.

Chris Newcomb, P.Eng, of *McElhanney Consulting Services* will also continue in his role as an ACEC-Canada Director.

Members of the 2014-2015 Executive Committee are as follows:

Executive Committee 2014-2015

Chair

Catherine Fritter, P.Eng
Moffatt & Nichol

Vice-Chair/Treasurer

Ken Wiecke, P.Eng
AMEC Americas Limited

Designated Director

Tim Stanley, P.Eng
MMM Group

Past Chair

Cameron Gatey, P.Eng
Urban Systems Ltd.

President & CEO

Keith Sashaw

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Upcoming Events

July 8

OQM Certification Training Session
Executive Suites Hotel, Burnaby

September 10

Okanagan Golf Tournament
Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna

September 18

ASHRAE 90.1-2010 and NECB 2011
Half-day workshop
*BC Hydro Corporate office,
6911 Southpoint Drive, Burnaby*

September 26

Vancouver Island Golf Tournament
Bear Mountain Resort, Victoria

ACEC-Canada Welcomes New Chair, Anne Poschmann



The Association of Consulting Engineering Companies–Canada is pleased to announce that **Anne Poschmann**, Principal and Geotechnical Engineer at Golder Associates Ltd., has been elected Chair of its Board of Directors for 2014-2015. Ms. Poschmann is a recognized leader in consulting engineering and a pioneer within our industry. She was elected to the ACEC Board of Directors in 2010 and played an instrumental role in strengthening and modernizing the association through her participation and as Chair of the ACEC governance committee.

On June 20, at the ACEC AGM in Winnipeg, Ms. Poschmann outlined her goals and priorities for the year ahead. In her remarks, Ms. Poschmann focused on four key areas of effort including the development of a strategic member engagement plan; a review of ACEC's organizational structure to identify opportunities for membership growth and retention; working together as an industry to demonstrate value to clients; and addressing the issue of diversity within the industry. "By embracing diversity, we are bettering society and hence our contribution to society," said Ms. Poschmann as part of her remarks, noting the association's mission.

Ms. Poschmann has three decades experience in all geotechnical aspects of foundation design, slope stability, tunnelling, excavations, dewatering, and construction works in difficult ground conditions for a wide range of projects with Golder Associates Ltd. The majority of Anne's work has been in Ontario, with a large emphasis on southern Ontario and the Greater Toronto area, concentrating mainly on the municipal development and transportation industry.

She has previously held numerous Board positions including two terms on the Board of the Consulting Engineers of Ontario and the Canadian Geotechnical Society to which she was named 'Fellow' in 2006.

Ms. Poschmann is preceded by Jason Mewis, P.Eng., of ENGCOMP Engineering & Computing Professionals Inc.

Does your business/organization know enough about Canada's anti-spam law?

New legislation coming into effect July 1st protects individuals and businesses from harmful and misleading online threats when using an electronic device, such as a mobile phone, smartphone, tablet or computer. Once the law is in force compliance will be mandatory, so if your business sends commercial electronic messages (CEMs) using electronic channels to sell or promote products or services, you should know that the new law prohibits:

- Sending a CEM without the recipient's express or implied consent. This includes messages to e-mail addresses, and text messages to a cell phone.
- Sending a CEM without fully identifying the sender.
- Making false or misleading electronic representations in the promotion of products, services or business interests.
- Sending a CEM without a clear way and means for the recipient to unsubscribe.
- The installation of computer programs on another person's computer system without the express consent of the owner of the computer system or their agent, such as an authorized employee.
- The collection of personal information by accessing a computer system in violation of the Criminal Code of Canada.
- Collection of electronic addresses by the use of computer programs, or the use of such addresses without permission, a practice known as "address harvesting".

Compliance with the law will help your organization maintain the trust and respect of clients and customers. If you would like more details and guidelines, go to

 www.fightspam.gc.ca

You can also sign up on the homepage to receive related news and updates.

ACEC-BC has issued a request for consent to all contacts with whom we do not have an "existing business relationship". In the context of Canada's new anti-spam

legislation, we are deemed to have such a relationship with employees of our member companies – however, we will be required to seek the express consent of all members within the next 3 years. For those of you who have already received this request for consent, and those of you who will in future, we hope you will take a few moments to reply and grant us your consent – this will ensure that we are able to continue delivering the latest updates, news and notices of ACEC-BC events and activities.

BC Hydro Power Smart and FortisBC Seminar

ASHRAE 90.1-2010 AND NECB 2011

The BC Hydro Power Smart *New Construction Program* and FortisBC *Custom Design Program* are pleased to invite you to register for a half-day ASHRAE 90.1-2010 and NECB 2011 workshop on September 18, 2014. This workshop will review the new City of Vancouver Building Bylaws and British Columbia Building Code's (BCBC's) Part 3 energy provisions, including: a discussion on the energy performance compliance modelling paths, and when it is needed; and review of how LEED Canada modelling compares to compliance modelling.

The Power Smart New Construction Program provides incentives for commercial, institutional and multi-unit residential (MURB) buildings in the early design process to help fund up to 100% of an approved energy modelling study cost, and capital costs to implement energy efficient measures. FortisBC Custom Design Program co-funds the energy modelling study cost and also offers capital incentives for measures that will reduce natural gas consumption.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

Mechanical and electrical engineers, energy modelers, architects, LEED consultants, city engineers or those involved in the design new commercial buildings, institutional and MURB buildings, and need to understand the new BC Building code.

Limited space is available. Registration costs \$50. [Register now.](#)

YPG Consultants' Contraption

After months of designing and countless hours of building, the YPG revealed this year's Consultants' Contraption at Guildford Town Centre. The annual charity event took place on April 26th, and raised over \$3,000 for the not-for-profit organization, **Geering Up!**



Knight Piésold was the event sponsor; Levelton Consultants, Urban Systems Ltd., Opus DaytonKnight, Hatch Mott MacDonald and Klohn Crippen Berger all participated in the design and construction of the 2014 Consultants' Contraption. A special thanks to Levelton Consultants, Stantec, Associated Engineering, and Tetra Tech EBA for their support of this event.

Consulting Engineers Compensation Survey

The 16th annual Consulting Engineers Compensation Survey, covering over 80 positions is now open for participation.

The survey gives consulting engineering companies from across Canada access to information on current salaries, bonuses, group insurance, retirement benefits and compensation best practices.

Participate between now and August 31st and receive a 50% discount, plus ACEC-BC members, receive an additional 15% savings.

For more details & ordering information, see:

www.wcbc.ca/surveys/consultingengineers

Questions? please call:

Nancy MacLeod, WCBC

Toll Free: 1-800-781-2411

Telephone: 604-683-9155

WCBC Western Compensation & Benefits Consultants

APEGBC OQM Certification Training Session

July 8, 2014, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
Executive Suites Hotel, Burnaby

APEGBC's Organizational Quality Management (OQM) Program has been developed to improve the quality management of professional engineering and geoscience practices at the individual and organizational level. This voluntary program offers certification to participating organizations.

Realize the benefits of having your firm OQM Certified:

- Insurance Discount
- Recognition/Brand Building
- Industry Demand
- Efficiency
- Random Practice Review Exemption
- Risk Management
- Connection/Relevance
- Compliance
- Education

This full day OQM Certification training session is for representatives from organizations seeking or interested in OQM Certification. It covers the 7 quality management requirements in the Engineers and Geoscientist Act and the APEGBC bylaws, and how to implement or adapt policies and procedures within your organization in order to become OQM Certified.

For more information on OQM Certification visit www.apeg.bc.ca/oqm

Register online [here](#).

Registration fee: \$100
(includes meals)

Credit: 8 Professional Development Hours



Online Awards Road Show

Be sure to check out the project display boards from the 2014 Awards for Engineering Excellence competition on our web site...

www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx

and be sure vote for your favorite project in the **People's Choice Poll** – results of the poll will be announced in September.

Awards Road Show

July 2 – 16

Regional Transportation Management Centre

1500 Woolridge St., Coquitlam

July 17 – 24

Surrey City Hall

13450 - 104th Avenue, Surrey

August 5 – August 19

Township of Langley Municipal Hall

20338 - 65 Avenue, Langley

August 20 – September 3

Coquitlam City Hall

3000 Guildford Way, Coquitlam

BC's 100 Best Buildings Contest Architecture Foundation of BC

We all have our favourite buildings. Buildings with architectural lines we love, old houses with never forgotten memories within their walls and shops that beckon us to visit. Buildings that hold special significance and have become a touchstone in our lives.

The Architecture Foundation of BC (AFBC) wants to raise awareness and appreciation for these buildings – your favourite buildings. To celebrate 100 years of architecture, the AFBC is presenting the **BC's 100 Best Building Contest**.

No matter where you live in British Columbia, you are invited to nominate buildings whether they are located in your region or elsewhere in the province. A building that you love and want to share with us.

To make your nominations, visit:

www.architecturefoundationbc.ca/afbc-best-buildings-contest-new/

Nominations in the **Best Building Contest** will close on July 31, and then the public voting begins. A panel will select the top three for each of the four regions (North, Interior, Island & South) to be awarded plaques at a special event in the fall.

Nominate your favourite building today!

