

ACEC-BC YPG QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FOURTH QUARTER 2017 / 2018



FOREWORD

David Marchand, Chair, ACEC-BC Provincial YPG Steering Committee

This marks the fourth and final newsletter for ACEC-BC's 2017/2018 YPG! In this issue we have provided our in-coming and out-going steering committee volunteers. As you will see below; we also have several open positions that we are seeking new volunteers to join our group!

I would like to thank each of our current steering committee and mainline committee volunteers for all their hard work and dedication this year – each regional group hosted numerous events across the province and our second annual conference was a great success. The events that ACEC-BC YPG hosts are all developed and organized by our volunteers; and without them we would not have the excellent networking and professional development opportunities that we provide. I would like to send a huge thank you to all of our volunteers from last year, and look forward to hearing from interested volunteers to take on new positions for next year.

PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE		
POSITION	INCOMING 2018 / 2019	OUTGOING 2017/2018
Chair	David Ellis	David Marchand
Vice Chair	Dani Delaloye	David Ellis
Communications	Kevin Leggett	Jeff Vanden Eerenbeemt
Conference Chair	Katherine Miller / Dani Delaloye	Pia Abercromby
Professional Development & Education	Raya Smertina	Raya Smertina
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI)	Cheryl Gomes	Cheryl Gomes
Lower Mainland Chair	Katherine Miller	Joey Chiu
Vancouver Island Chair	Colin Davis	Max Scruton
Okanagan Chair	Robyn Sherstobitoff	Robyn Sherstobitoff
Prince George Chair	Robert Teetaert	Robert Teetaert
ACEC Canada YP Network Rep	David Marchand	Siobhan Robinson
Past Chair	David Marchand	Zahra Pirani



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CONFERENCE SUBCOMMITTEE

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Chair	Dani Delaloye / Katherine Miller	Pia Abercromby
Professional Development & Education	Available	Dani Delaloye
Sponsorship	Available	Suki Gill
Treasurer	Kevin Leggett	Gabriene Kaechele
Networking	Available	Raya Smertina
Past Chair	Pia Abercromby	David Ellis
Member-at-Large	Available	Katherine M., Siobhan R.

LOWER MAINLAND SUBCOMMITTEE

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Chair	Katherine Miller	Joey Chiu
Vice Chair	Pia Abercromby	Dani Delaloye
Professional Development & Education	Suki Gill	Katherine Miller
Volunteer Management	Available	Jessica Wilson
Student Outreach	Available	Graham Lovely
Community Involvement	Available	Kevin Leggett
Networking	Available	Stephen Bertulli
Past Chair	David Marchand	David Marchand

OKANAGAN SUBCOMMITTEE

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Chair	Robyn Sherstobitoff	Robyn Sherstobitoff
Member	Justin VannPashak	Jason Foster
Member	Steven Cheek	Yolanda Moser
Member	Gaurav Ahuja	Justin VannPashak
Member	Jasmine Smith	Steven Cheek
Member	Jordan Beach	Lee Redstone
Member	Josh Hewitt	n/a
Member	Lucas Thayer	n/a
Member	Luke Dempsey	n/a
Member	Siavash Farazman	n/a

PRINCE GEORGE SUBCOMMITTEE

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Chair	Robert Teetaert	Robert Teetaert
Networking & Volunteer Management	Andy Pustina	Vicki Pistner
Professional Development & Education	David Gerein	David Gerein
Student Outreach & Community Involvement	Laura Herrera	Robert Mankowske

VANCOUVER ISLAND SUBCOMMITTEE

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Chair	Colin Davis	Max Scruton
Member	Eric Neil	Caroline Silins
Member	Brandon Johnson	David Ellis
Member	Taylor Wheeler	David Palmer
Member	Max Scruton	David Walking

YP MAINLINE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

POSITION	Incoming 2018/19	Outgoing 2017/18
Professional Development	Available	Daniel Tillie
Municipal	Raya Smertina	Raya Smertina
Business Practice	Suki Gill	Jessica Wilson
Transportation Committee	Pia Abercromby, Katherine Miller	Pia Abercromby, Katherine Miller
Building Engineering	Available	Graham Lovely
Resource and Energy	Available	Dani Delaloye
Membership Affairs	Available	Kevin Leggett
Human Resources	Available	Suki Gill
Metro Vancouver	Gabriene Kaechele	Cheryl Gomes
Small Firms	Available	Jeff Vanden Eerenbeemt
MoTI Liason Committee	Kevin Leggett	n/a
TransLink Sub-committee	Katherine Miller	n/a





LOWER MAINLAND

The Lower Mainland YPG partnered up with two external groups in the last few months to give YPs an opportunity to meet and network with professionals outside of consulting engineering. In April, the YP group held a joint social with the Planning Institute of British Columbia (PIBC) and shared refreshments and food. The month of May brought together the Young Lawyers group and ACEC-BC YPs. Of note, the Young Lawyer's event was sold out early and attendees learned about the different flavours and types of whiskey (while getting to sample each of course!).



Our June breakfast seminar was a panel discussion from emerging leaders Dani Delaloye, Graham Lovely, and David Marchand as well as ACEC-BC board member Selena Wilson. The panelists shared their insights on how to be engaged in your career and the benefits of getting involved. We also hosted a volunteer appreciation event to thank our volunteers for all their hard work this year!

We look forward to the summer months where we have once again partnered with Science World to help teach tweens and teenagers engineering principles by building a wind turbine to generate electricity. Sessions run every Wednesday for 2 hours starting in July. If you are interested in volunteering to inspire the next generation of engineers, contact Kevin Leggett at kleggett@mcelhanney.com for more information.

Lastly, our events and seminars would not be able to run without the contributions from our hardworking volunteers. They put in their time and effort to make our events successful and to organize and contribute to our committees and communities. Through these experiences, volunteering with ACEC also helps develop soft skills and build a professional network. If you are interested in joining our team, contact David Ellis at dellis@mcelhanney.com for more information on open positions for 2018/2019. We look forward to hearing from you!

OKANAGAN

The Okanagan group takes the summer months off and will be starting up again mid-August to plan for a September 9th Kettle Valley Bike Ride meetup. Save the date! More details will be provided later in the summer.

The Okanagan committee is always looking for new people. If you (or anyone you know) is interested in joining, please contact the Chair, Robyn Sherstobitoff (sherstobitoffr@ae.ca). Volunteering with the YP Group is a small time commitment, looks good on your resumé, and is a great way to meet new people in the industry and have some fun!

NORTHERN REGION

The Northern Region hosted a tour at the Northern Lights Estate Winery on May 24th. The winery is a fruit-based winery. It was great to have various companies represented which allowed for networking. As we toured the two acre onsite orchard we had the privilege of a full rainbow.



There were two YP members from Prince George who were able to attend the YP Conference in Vancouver at the end of May. It was a great way to network with some ACEC board members and other YP's.

We are looking forward to the Northern Region's inaugural Municipal Mixer in the fall of 2018 with the City of Prince George!

No events are planned over the summer, but we look forward to starting up again in the fall!



ACEC-BC 2018 YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE

After the great success of the first ACEC-BC YP Conference in 2017, it was decided to make the conference an annual event. We kicked off the second annual conference on the evening of Thursday, May 31st, with 82 YPs, plus sponsor representatives and ACEC board members gathering at the St Regis Pub. A networking activity encouraged all attendees to mix and mingle, making new connections and getting to know each other in a relaxed environment with drinks and appetizers in advance of the formal conference sessions.

The formal sessions began early on the morning of Friday, June 1st. The theme for the day was Fast Forward Fifteen – focusing on how the consulting engineering industry is poised to change over the next fifteen years and how young professionals can prepare and adapt to succeed in this changing environment. Sessions covered a broad range of topics, including “Retooling for the Information Age Workplace”, “Innovative New Technologies” and “Planning for Population Growth”. Presentation styles varied from quick Pecha Kucha style talks (20 slides with 20 seconds per slide) to keynote addresses and panel discussions. We were lucky to have presenters from consulting firms, client organisations and external groups who provided diverse opinions on the topics discussed. A consistent theme that emerged throughout the day was change, and how young professionals can affect the future and have a meaningful impact. Our presenters encouraged the young people of today to have big ideas, actioned by small tasks to help shape our industry.

Planning for next year’s conference will start in September – please contact Dani Delaloye or Katherine Miller if you would like to be involved (Dani.Delaloye@MottMac.com or Katherine.Miller@MottMac.com).

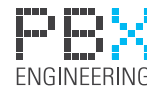


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FEATURED YP OF THE QUARTER

Jeff Vanden Eerenbeemt, P.Eng.



Jeff Vanden Eerenbeemt has always had an entrepreneurial spirit. Graduating with an Applied Science in Civil Engineering Degree from UBC in 2011, Jeff joined R.F. Binnie & Associates (Binnie) immediately upon graduation to provide project and engineering management services to government clients in Binnie's Project Services Division. Prior to joining Binnie, Jeff spent his three university co-op terms working for Kiewit on large scale transportation infrastructure projects.

"My experiences with Binnie and Kiewit were fantastic. I was able to work on major, community-improving infrastructure projects representing a variety of perspectives (owner, designer, contractor), utilizing a variety of project delivery models."

In 2015 Jeff founded Ferm Consulting Inc., which for three years has been providing Project Management, Engineering Management and Environmental Management services to Government and Prime Consultant Clients. Some of Ferm Consulting Inc.'s recent projects include:

- Colony Farm Overpass Bridge Rehabilitation in Coquitlam, BC (Project Manager)
- Ross Street Underpass in Salmon Arm, BC (Project Mgr.)
- Development of the Port Mann Highway One Corridor Asset Management Plan and Port Mann Bridge Inspection and Maintenance Plan (Project Manager)
- Management of the Port Mann Highway One Post-Construction Environmental Monitoring and Maintenance Program (Environmental Management)

Jeff believes mentorship and networking have added significant value to his career. In addition to his role in the Young Professional's group, Jeff sits on ACEC-BC's Transportation Conference Committee and Small Firm Council. He believes in giving back to the student community and does so by sponsoring UBC Okanagan student projects and volunteering as a mentor as part of UBC's Tri-mentoring program. If you have any questions regarding entrepreneurship or anything in general, Jeff encourages you to reach out to him at jeffvan@ferm.ca.

2018 FIDIC INTERNATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE CONFERENCE



FIDIC organises the annual International Infrastructure Conference in the furtherance of its goals. This conference is the major international event of the consulting engineering industry. The venue of the International Infrastructure Conference changes continent and region every year to ensure global representation. Conference participants are professionals from the Infrastructure industry such as industry leaders and decision makers.

Other FIDIC events that take place during the FIDIC International Conference are the FIDIC Best Practice Forum, the FIDIC Awards Gala, B2B sessions, and the **Young Professional Management Training Programme (YPMTP)**.

FIDIC produces publications which include information for consulting engineers, project owners and international development agencies, contract documents and client-consultant agreements as well as international best practice guides.

ACEC-BC Young Professionals are encouraged to attend the conference, and participate in the YPMTP. Learn more about the FIDIC International Infrastructure Conference at fidic2018.org/en

LOOKING TO GET MORE ACTIVE WITH THE YPG?

The YPG has a number of positions open, and always welcomes new volunteers. To get involved:

1. Download the [YPG Volunteer Application Form](#)
2. Complete the form (be sure to save the .pdf file) by **August 10, 2018**
3. Email your completed form to Dani Delaloye, dani.delaloye@mottmac.com and/or David Ellis, dellis@mcelhanney.com.