



ACEC British Columbia

Newsbrief

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President's Message

Steve Fleck, P.Eng., MBA

As you may have heard recently, our Executive Director Glenn Martin will be leaving ACEC-BC to pursue new opportunities. After seven and a half years of service, Glenn is pleased with where the association is positioned and feels now is a good time to pursue a new challenge.

With Glenn in charge, ACEC-BC has grown as an association, increasing our offerings to members and our ability to influence government on matters important to the consulting engineering industry. The Board would like to thank Glenn for all her efforts over the years.

The highlights from our 2011-2012 fiscal year, provided to attendees at our June 7th Annual General Meeting, help to illustrate how ACEC-BC continues to grow. Over the last twelve months we received record attendance at our Transportation Conference, Awards Gala and golf tournament. We also took time at the AGM to honor people that have helped steer the association into what it is today and formally appointed three new directors to the Board.

Kate Cockerill has agreed to become the interim Executive Director effective immediately, while the Executive Committee and Directors conduct an executive search.

We look forward to continuing to provide our members with initiatives and events that help their business and the industry as a whole.

Sincerely,

Steve Fleck, P.Eng., MBA
President, ACEC British Columbia

Awards Road Show

June 20 - July 4
University of Victoria

July 4 - July 20
Swartz Bay Ferry Terminal

July 26 - August 12
Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal

August 13 - September 3
District of North Vancouver

Online Awards Road Show

Be sure to check out project display boards on our new web site, at

www.acec-bc.ca/awards.aspx



More ways to connect with ACEC British Columbia

ACEC British Columbia will be using its freshly created Twitter account @acecbc to pass relevant information and interesting engineering related stories on to members and the public. If you are interested in following us but don't have a Twitter account, simply go to www.twitter.com and sign up, it's free of charge. For those that are not interested in a Twitter account, check the ACEC British Columbia home page each week for a recap of the most interesting stories that we tweeted.

ACEC British Columbia Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held June 7th at the Coast Plaza Stanley Park Hotel in Vancouver. Jeannine Martin; Tim Stanley, P.Eng; and Homayoun Vahidi, P.Eng were elected to the board for four year terms. The 2012-2013 ACEC-BC directors are:

President

Steve Fleck, P.Eng, MBA
Stantec Consulting

Vice-President/Treasurer

Cameron Gatey, P.Eng
Urban Systems Ltd.

Designated Director

Catherine Fritter, P.Eng
Moffatt & Nichol

Past President

Doug Hinton, P.Eng (ex officio Director)
Hatch Mott MacDonald

Directors

Steve Bean, P.Eng
Thurber Engineering

John Collings, P.Eng
Collings Johnston Inc.

Mike Currie, P.Eng
Kerr Wood Leidal Associates

Neil Ferguson, P.Eng
Hatch Energy

Fadi Ghorayeb, P.Eng, Struct.Eng, MStruct.E
Jones Kwong Kishi

Martin Jobke, P.Eng
Associated Engineering

James Kay, P.Eng, HBA
Aplin & Martin Consultants

Jeannine Martin (newly elected)
Buckland & Taylor Ltd.

Tim Stanley, P.Eng (newly elected)
MMM Group

Homayoun Vahidi, P.Eng (newly elected)
IBI Group

Ken Wiecek, P.Eng
AMEC

In addition to these directors, three ex officio directors have been appointed by the CEBC Board. As noted above, **Doug Hinton**, P.Eng has been appointed to a one year term as Past President, continuing as a member of the Executive Committee. **Chris Newcomb**, P.Eng, McElhanney Consulting Services has been appointed to a one year term as ACEC director and **Allison Clavelle**, P.Eng, Urban Systems Ltd. has been appointed to a one year term as Chair of the Young Professionals Group.



Back: Neil Ferguson, Fadi Ghorayeb, Homayoun Vahidi, Catherine Fritter, Glenn Martin, Jeannine Martin, Steve Bean, Martin Jobke.

Front: John Collings, Cameron Gatey, Steve Fleck, Doug Hinton, Joel McAllister (Professional Development Chair).

Prior to the AGM, CEBC members and guests were updated on the *Pacific Gateway Transportation Strategy* in a keynote address by **Dave Byng**, COO of the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure.

After the business of the AGM was completed, a brief ceremony was held to recognize MLA **Ralph Sultan**, (West Vancouver-Capilano), who has been instrumental in helping to achieve changes to the BC



Doug Hinton, Steve Fleck and Glenn Martin presented a cheque to Collette Morgan of Make-A-Wish Foundation of BC & Yukon. Funds raised at the annual golf tournament allowed CEBC to donate a total of \$6,000 to this worthy cause.

Limitation Act (Bill 34) that we have sought for many years. Mr. Sultan has provided guidance and encouragement to our association over the years on other key issues, including the New West Trade Partnerships Agreement.

Following the AGM, Commemorative plaques were presented to four CEBC Past Presidents: Laurie Maranda, P.Eng. (1978-1979), Merv Pierce, P.Eng. (1985-1986), John Ritchie, P.Eng. (1995-1996), and Jack Lee, P.Eng. (2010-2011).

Afterwards, members and guests were invited to attend the annual scotch tasting event, led by scotch whisky connoisseur Jason Kyle.

New By-laws Approved at Special General Meeting

Voting members attended a Special General Meeting on June 7th at the Coast Plaza Stanley Park Hotel, immediately preceding the AGM, for the purpose of debating and voting on two special resolutions, one to amend the constitution and one to replace the by-laws. Both resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Beginning in 2010, a CEBC task force undertook a process of modernizing the by-laws that govern the conduct of our association. The principal aim was to ensure that the by-laws more accurately reflected the ways in which we govern ourselves. In recent years, it had become apparent that the ways in which the Board governed CEBC was not consistent with the intent of the by-laws.

Following a yearlong review process that included the engagement of a task force consisting of board members, and the advice of a specialist in association by-laws, the Board endorsed the revised by-laws in June of 2011. Because CEBC was also underway with a name change (from CEBC to Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – British Columbia), however, the by-law adoption process was put on hold until the AGM of 2012.

The new by-laws will take effect at the end of July, after the special resolutions have been filed with the BC Corporate Registry.

YPG 2011-12 Year End Summary

The last Breakfast Seminars of this year occurred on May 31st on Vancouver Island – *Tsunami Reconstruction, Aceh, Indonesia*; and June 19th in Vancouver – *Effective Communications Through Technical Writing*.

The Young Professionals Group of ACEC British Columbia would like to thank everyone for their active participation in this year's Breakfast Seminars and Social Events. We hope the Breakfast Seminars were beneficial, and that you will join us again for our next year of seminars and events in August!

YPG 2012-2013 Steering Committee

Our Steering Committee has been selected for the 2012-2013 YPG year starting in August. Member are listed below:

Provincial Steering Committee

Chair

Allison Clavelle

Okanagan Chair

Anne Girtz

Vancouver Island Chair

Mark Byram

Past Chair

Joel McAllister

Lower Mainland Vice Chair

Charlie Yao

Communications

Trever Gatto

Professional Development/Education

Daniel Freidman

Lower Mainland

Chair

Allison Clavelle

Vice Chair

Charlie Yao

Past Chair

Joel McAllister

Communications

Joanne Slazyk

Professional Development / Education

Siobhan Holladay

Networking

Justin Cheng

Volunteer Management

Graeme McAllister

Student Outreach

Daley Clohan

Community Involvement

Patrick Ho

Vancouver Island

Chair

Mark Byram

Vice Chair

Lisann Naeth

Okanagan

Chair

Anne Girtz

Vice Chair

Garrett Hamilton-Smith

YP Committee Representatives

FIDIC

Selena Wilson

ACEC

Charlie Yao

Municipal Engineering

Natalie Tokgoz / Ellen Yang

Business Practice

Graeme McAllister

Transportation

Joanne Slazyk

Building Committee

Charlie Yao / Guillaume Vadeboncoeur

Resource and Energy

Stephen Hammond

Membership Affairs

Simon Lee

Call for Volunteers

Professional Development Committee

The CEBC Professional Development Committee seeks to promote the ongoing professional development of CEBC members, with a special focus on the business side of consulting engineering. A number of goals and objectives for this committee have been established, and there will be a focus over the summer on developing a planned program of events that can be reviewed by the board in the fall. We are looking for more volunteers to join this committee. If you would like to participate, or to learn more about the committee please contact the CEBC office, or committee chair Joel McAllister at:

✉ Joel.McAllister@opusdaytonknight.com

Meet a YP Executive

Mark Byram, P.Eng.



Mark has been part of the ACEC BC Young Professionals (YP) executive since 2010. He is currently Chair of the Vancouver Island Young Professional Group. His goals with the executive include furthering YP's business devel-

opment by selecting suitable speakers for breakfast meetings and promoting networking opportunities amongst his peers through social events.

Mark completed his bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering at the University of British Columbia. He is employed at GOAL Engineering in Victoria as a materials engineer and focuses his practice on concrete & masonry technology, corrosion engineering and protective coatings. As a member of the International Society for Structural Health Monitoring of Intelligent Infrastructure (ISHMII) Mark keeps informed of the latest trends in structural health monitoring.

Mark is originally from Germany and has worked in the Engineering field in Bochum in 2006. In his spare time he enjoys traveling with his family and training in mixed martial arts.

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Upcoming Events

September 9-12

FIDIC 2012 Conference

Seoul, South Korea

September 21

Vancouver Island Golf Tournament

Olympic View Golf Club, Victoria

September 28

Okanagan Golf Tournament

Harvest Golf Club, Kelowna

Changes to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act enhance public protection

Bill 41, the Miscellaneous Statutes Amendment Act (No. 2), 2012, which includes 11 amendments to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act put forward by APEGBC, was passed and received Royal Assent on May 31 in the BC Legislature.

The new amendments will enable APEGBC to support labour force development through improved processes to allow qualified professionals trained outside of British Columbia to practise engineering and geoscience in BC. Changes to The Act will also ensure protection of public health and safety, and increase transparent governance by providing additional disciplinary tools such as practice reviews and conduct reviews, and by making minor changes to APEGBC's governance to facilitate fairness and efficiency.

To examine and address these issues APEGBC undertook an extensive 18 month consultation process in 2009 with members and other stakeholders to obtain their input. As a result of the consultation, APEGBC proposed 35 amendments to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act and identified 11 priority amendments suitable for a miscellaneous statutes amendment bill.

Details can be found in an [information release](#) issued by APEGBC.

MATI Community Planning for Local Government Professionals Registration Now Open!

September 30 to October 5, 2012, Kelowna
Join us September 30 to October 5, 2012 at the Lake Okanagan Resort near Kelowna for this popular MATI course designed to help you understand the world of community planning. Learn from leading community planning experts about: what planning is and why we do it; planning law; regulatory tools and how to use them; planning for subdivision and the approving officer function; effective community engagement; building sustainable communities; what you need to know about hiring planning consultants; affordable housing solutions and much more. Bring a planning challenge from your community and get answers on

how to effectively address it and take home a planning toolkit you can use on Monday morning. For complete details on format, content, faculty, registration and fees, see

www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/mati-cp.asp

For information on funding assistance, see the [Board of Examiners](#) information sheet.

For more information, contact:

Alison McNeil, MCIP

Chair, Public Administration Dept.

Local Government Programs

Capilano University

604-990-7907 604-314-7185 (cell)

www.capilanou.ca/programs/local-government

Young professional from Kerr Wood Leidal wins award



ACEC-Canada has awarded the 2013 Allen D. Williams Scholarship to **Mike Homenuke, P.Eng.** of Kerr Wood Leidal Associates Ltd.

The award was announced June 23 at the ACEC Summit Gala in Prince Edward Island.

Mike Homenuke is a project manager with Kerr Wood Leidal Associates and a pioneer in the new field of integrated resource recovery opportunity assessment. He founded the KWL Junior Engineers Group and is actively involved in, and a former chair of, the ACEC British Columbia Young Professional Group. He is also the inaugural and current chair of the B.C. Water and Waste Association Young Professionals Group. Previously, Mike was the recipient of the 2012 ACEC British Columbia Young Professional Award.

The Allen D. Williams Scholarship award is presented annually to a young professional employed by an ACEC member firm who demonstrates a commitment to the consulting engineering industry.

The award is given in memory of Allen Williams, past ACEC Chair and founder of Williams Engineering. It provides the winner funding to attend the International Federation of Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) conference, which will be held in Barcelona, Spain on September 15-18, 2013.

University of Victoria 50th Anniversary – '50 for 50' Club



University of Victoria



The University of Victoria will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary from September 2012 to June 2013, and we want you to have an opportunity to be part of it all. We invite your company to become a member of our '50 for 50' Club, with an opportunity to receive recognition; rights; and benefits. The membership in this Club will allow you and your staff to join the university in celebrating this significant milestone in our history as we look ahead to our future. The '50 for 50' Club will be limited to 50 businesses so we encourage you to act soon in order to secure your spot. Join us and become part of our Anniversary celebration.

Recognition, Rights and Benefits

Your company will receive the following recognition; rights and benefits:

- VIP Reception for all '50 for 50' Club Members
 - Apparel with '50 for 50' Club logo
 - University Bookstore Discount
 - UVic Vikes Recreation Passes
 - UVic Vikes Varsity Game Tickets
 - RING Newspaper & Martlet Newspaper Advertising *
 - Torch Magazine Advertising *
 - Window Decal for place of business indicating membership in the '50 for 50' Club
 - University Club Membership
 - Monthly Prize Draws
 - Recognition on 50th Anniversary Signage and Website
 - Recognition on the Corporate Relations Website
 - Recognition as contributing to a Student Award
- * *discounted rate*

Investment

The fee to become one of the 50 members of the '50 for 50' Club for the Anniversary year is \$1,500 cash.

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Celebrates 50 YEARS