

CSSE Newsletter

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The President's Remarks

How quickly a year passes. As I write this near-year-end 2014-15 President's column, the 2014 annual meeting and events in Victoria which initiated it are still fresh in my mind. This year's annual meeting in Winnipeg promises to be just as memorable - if you haven't yet confirmed your attendance, please do so as our hosts are holding the hotel's room block in anticipation of your participation (see details below).

2014-15 has been a year of celebration, welcoming of new members, active local meetings, researching and formulating advocacy submissions, nomination of new Fellows and an Honorary Member and, to enhance our governance framework, drafting of updated Bylaws which will be brought forward for approval on May 29. I personally thank all members who contributed to the efforts of CSSE this past year and who have provided personal advice and counsel to me along the way. My one regret is that time and distance prevented me from having more professional and social time with you on your respective home turfs.

I was much honored to be asked to continue as your President for a second year. It is an elected national position I have enjoyed and would otherwise have been happy to continue in. However, the siren song of another quite unexpected opportunity to serve has called and, while final confirmation is pending, prudence trumps my personal ego and I have confirmed to the Nominations Committee that I should accept elevation to Past President making way for Vice President East John Evans from Newfoundland and Labrador to step up to President. John's energy and east coast humour will be contagious and bodes well for CSSE/SCIS' 2015-16 year. While small in numbers, our membership remains extraordinarily capable of punching above its weight and, as and when invited to, I look forward to remaining actively involved in the affairs of CSSE/SCIS.

I look forward to meeting with many of you in Winnipeg May 29.



Colin Smith

Update Re: The 2015 AGM

Our Manitoba organizing committee members have been watching registration for the annual meeting. It is moving slowly. They would urge you to make your reservations soon. Our block of hotel rooms, with their special CSSE rate, will become a meeting cost if they are not used. The committee can decrease the

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size of the booking, but that option expires well before the meeting and late registrants would end up being charged the "going" rate.

Join the **Canadian Society of Senior Engineers** for the 2015 Board Meeting, AGM, and Awards Dinner in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 2015

WHERE: Winnipeg Manitoba - Where the New West Begins. At the **Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway Avenue.**

Note: Dress code in effect - Jacket and smart casual dress. No denim, shorts, T-shirts sneakers, or sandals.

PROGRAM: (At the Manitoba Club)

9:00am - 12:00	Board of Directors Meeting
12:00 - 2:00 pm	Lunch (delegates, fellows and partners)
2:00 pm	Annual General Meeting All CSSE members welcome)
5:00 pm	Pre-Gala reception
6:00 pm	Dinner, Fellowships, Recognition of the Winnipeg Aqueduct.

REGISTRATION: Delegates and Fellowship recipients and guests are to register online. The registration page can be accessed at <http://www.apegm.mb.ca/CSSE/>. Payments must be by credit card.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:

A block of rooms has been arranged at the **Fairmont Winnipeg** hotel (adjacent to the well-known Portage and Main), and is available for the nights of May 28th, 29th, and 30th for \$189 per night plus taxes. Delegates should reference the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers when making reservations to receive CSSE rates. Reservations are to be made by calling 204-985-6240 or the Global Reservations Centre at 1-800-441-1414.

Welcome, New/ Returning Members

- **George Faulder** (Edmonton, AB)
- **Alan Forbes** (Winnipeg, MB)
- **Om Malik** (Calgary, AB)
- **Jim Townsend** (Winnipeg, MB)

In Memoriam

- **Sid Williams** (Beaconsfield, QC)

Changed Your Coordinates?

If you have a new mailing (or emailing) address, please inform the CSSE Administration Office.

Members in the News

- **Om Malik** of the Calgary chapter has been selected as one of the 75 finalists in the 7th Annual Royal Bank of Canada RBC Top 25 Canadian Immigrant Awards program.
- CSSE director **Shawna Argue** has been appointed to the Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board.
- CSSE President **Colin Smith** was named a 2015 recipient of the British Columbia Community Achievement Award by British Columbia Premier Christy Clark and

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Members in the News

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Keith Mitchell, Chairman of the British Columbia Achievement Foundation, in part, for his many years of distinguished service to local, provincial and national boards. Her Honour, Lieutenant Governor Judith Guichon, OBC, will present award certificates and medallions to recipients at a formal ceremony at Government House on April 24, 2015.

From Sea to Sea to Sea ...

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (Contact: John Evans, 13jgevs@gmail.com)

MARITIMES (Contact: Ron Gilkie, barkergilkie@ns.sympatico.ca)

QUEBEC PROVINCE (Contact: Jean-Guy René, jg.rene@sympatico.ca)

MONTREAL (Contact: Tom Madanda, TMadanda@bell.net)

The Montreal chapter meets two to three times a year, for luncheon at The Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club, with a guest speaker. In addition, casual get-togethers for lunch every first Monday of the month, at the pub 'Le Manoir'.

May 6 Pierre Gingras, "The Falling Water Levels in the St. Lawrence".

ONTARIO (Contact: Jon Jennekens, jonorah@rogers.com)

THE GREATER OTTAWA AREA (Contact: Gerrie Kautz, gwkautz@rogers.com)

April 21 Layne Larsen, "Debunking the Avro Arrow Myths".

May 19 Art Hunter, "Low Energy Nuclear Reaction (Cold Fusion) Energy Technology".

June 16 Drew Wilson, "The Lighthouse Stevensons".

THE GREATER TORONTO AREA (Contact: Jerry Cuttler, jerrycuttler@rogers.com)

MANITOBA (Contact: Dave Ennis, ns2@mymts.net)

SASKATCHEWAN (Contact: Pieter Van Vliet, p.vanvliet@sasktel.net)

ALBERTA (Contact: Fred Otto, fotto@interbaun.com)

CALGARY (Contact: Chan Wirasinghe, wirasing@ucalgary.ca)

The Calgary chapter meets nine times a year at the Danish Canadian Club on the second Monday of each month with the exception of January, July and August. Meetings are from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

EDMONTON (Contact: Nick Malychuk, nmaly@telus.net)

The Edmonton chapter meets on the third Thursday of the month, at 11:30 a.m., with a buffet lunch at 12:00, followed by a speaker at the Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway.

April 16 A speaker from PCL, "The Edmonton Arena Project".

May 21 Matthew Grant, Commercial Sales Manager of Enerkem, "Waste Becomes Fuels and Chemicals, Locally, Globally".

BRITISH COLUMBIA (Contact: Ken Putt, kwputt@shaw.ca)

VANCOUVER (Contact: Aidan Gordon, aidan@gordoncrane.com)

The Vancouver chapter normally meets at 11:45 a.m., on the first Thursday of each month at the Sutton Place Hotel, Burrard Street. (Three-course lunch. Cost: Members \$45, Guests \$50)

Errata

The March edition erroneously stated that (the bylaws committee was working on an updated version of the Bylaws to meet the requirements for registration with Industry Canada. That should have read "Canada Revenue Agency", not "Industry Canada".

The CSSE Website

The CSSE website (<http://www.seniorengineers.ca>) continues to grow and improve. However, it is only as successful as the information that is placed there.

If you have a photo of a project you worked on and think it would be of interest to others send it to: andyjones@explornet.com. Similarly, if you know of something a CSSE member has done that can be entered into "members spotlight".

The site still needs a French language half and anyone who would be willing to help review and edit the copy the Webmaster has to date can contact andyjones@explornet.com.

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From Sea to Sea to Sea ...

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- April 2** **Kelvin Ketchum**, Canadian Chairman of the Columbia Treaty Operating Committee, BC Hydro, "Columbia River Treaty Review—An Update".
- May 7** **Amy Hennessy**, "The Fortis, BC, LNG Plant at Tilbury in Delta, BC; in operation since 1970".

VANCOUVER ISLAND (Contact: **Gerry Buydens**, gbuydens@shaw.ca)

The Vancouver Island chapter gathers for lunch at 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday (adjusted for holidays) September through June at The Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Victoria.

- April 10** **Luc Simard**, Science Instruments Group Leader of NRC's Herzberg Institute of Astrophysics, "The Thirty Meter Telescope: Science, Technology and People". (Note that through the efforts of Director **Robin Black**, this CSSE Vancouver Island Branch event has been recognized as part of the world-wide "International Year of Light" events.)"

CSSE Charities ... VICTA and TRIUMF

On Saturday, April 18, two CSSE Charities VICTA and TRIUMF, with Simon Fraser University joining in, will join over 210 institutes from 42 countries worldwide offering the popular International Masterclass to aspiring particle physicists and engineers in Vancouver and Victoria.

TRIUMF and VICTA invite high-school students to experience life at the forefront of particle physics research. The International Masterclass offers students the opportunity to be particle physicists for a day by analyzing real data with authentic engineering research tools from the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) at CERN in Europe.

"Students get to experience what it is really like to do high energy physics shoulder to shoulder with ATLAS research scientists. This program really gives them a taste of how modern physics analysis works," says CSSE's Marcello Pavan of the CSSE Vancouver chapter, TRIUMF Outreach Coordinator and Masterclass liaison.

Advocacy Workshop Progress

The Ottawa and Montreal chapters' workshop has developed synopses of the following six advocacy topics, (the final length of each advocacy paper to be between 800 and 1200 words):

1. The aging of our vital infrastructure and the threat to public safety - an engineering responsibility (contact **Jean-Guy René**, at jg.rene@sympatico.ca, or 613-821-5273);
2. The erosion of Canada's manufacturing sector - what can engineers do about it (contact **John Dinsmore** at johndins@videotron.ca);
3. The role of engineering in mitigating against disasters (contact **Drew Wilson** via info@seniorengineers.ca), (or 613-821-5273);
4. Improvement in national defence procurement (contact **Bruce McGibbon** at bmcgibb9@rogers.com), (or 613-821-5273);
5. Re-advancing the Canadian nuclear industry (**Don Peterson**, **Dan Meneley** and **Doug Lightfoot** appear to be taking over from the late Terry Rogers); and,
6. Updating the CSSE's "Energy Compass" advocacy paper of 2010 (contact **Jon Jennekens** at jonorah@rogers.com), (or 613-822-8227).

Members who might be interested in participating to some extent in one or more of these six topics are invited to contact the applicable members indicated. Also, for anyone interested in mounting his/her own advocacy, there is a revised procedure to follow, available at info@seniorengineers.ca or by phoning 613-821-5273.

Recruit a New Member!

If you have a friend who is not a CSSE member, simply tell the CSSE Administration Office about him/her.

CSSE Correspondence

All "snail-mail" correspondence, including cheques, and enquiries, should be sent to **The Canadian Society for Senior Engineers**, 1717 Lakeshore Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K4P 1H1; Emails to info@seniorengineers.ca; **Faxes** to: 613-821-0179; and/or **Phone calls**: 613-821-5273.

Dues and **donations** can also be paid securely by credit card by going to the "Members" page at the CSSE website: www.seniorengineers.ca.