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CSSE Newsletter



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President's Message

At a recent CCTC2013 organizing committee teleconference the six engineers that called in at the designated meeting start time were all members of the Canadian Society for Senior Engineers. Eventually other members of the committee came on the call and the meeting was started. Initially I quickly thought, well we are all "retired" so I guess many of us were just waiting for the meeting to occur. However as I thought more about it I realized that just like many of you the CSSE members on the call were used to volunteering and had been for many years and also recognized the necessity of being on time so as not to waste the time of others. The other thing that came to mind



Andy Jones

was we all continue to belong to and volunteer for at least one other EIC constituent society.

During the time I have served on the CSSE Board and travelled to Board and Branch meetings I marvel at the dedication and giving of time by members of CSSE to this and many other worthy causes. Further down in this newsletter you will see the names of members who serve on Committees and Branch executives. This is just a small representation of our membership who continues to contribute in a large way to Canadian society.

Recently the Board lost one of its dedicated volunteers. Don Lawson passed away in December. Don in his quiet way took the challenges assigned to him and brought back thoughtful and excellent work. Energy Compass 2020 and Beyond was co-authored by Don and the newsletter editor Arnold Eyre. Don was also the author of Engineering Disasters-Lessons to be Learned, a text I have read and wished it had been available 40 years ago when I started taking responsibility for engineering work. Don in his thoughtful way explains just how and why failures happen and how many could have easily been prevented. All that I learned from Don in the last three years continues to remind me how fortunate I have been since being asked to join CSSE. Like Don, the knowledge our members have is truly awesome (to use today's younger generation's word) and it is all there for the asking.

Most engineers by nature are not extroverts. We quietly work in the background. We don't join easily because we continue to underestimate our value to society and the group. Lets all make it our challenge for 2013 and make it easier for our fellow retired and about to be retired engineering friends and invite them to a local meeting or just start a regular coffee get together. Show them this newsletter or the CSSE web site at <http://seniorengineers.ca/csse/> and maybe they will get to reap the joys and learning we have all had since joining. Maybe they will join CSSE also.

This month I will be in Victoria and have the opportunity to meet some of our members who belong to the Vancouver Island Branch. This will only leave Vancouver and Winnipeg not visited.

Being on the executive or board of any organization takes time to do it right but I can honestly say what I get back from CSSE is much greater than anything I have contributed.

As it says later on in this newsletter, pay your dues and make a contribution to our charitable work so CSSE can keep going. I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Quebec City at our AGM May 25.

The CSSE Who's What?

DIRECTORS & OFFICERS

President..... Jones, Andy
 President-electRené, Jean-Guy
 Immediate Past PresidentHoward, Tony
 Vice President (East)..... Corbett, Frank
 Vice President (West).....Putt, Ken
 Corporate Secretary.....McRitchie, Bill
 TreasurerSorenson, Dick

Black, Robin
 Cuttler, Jerry
 Desborough, Rod
 Evans, John
 Kautz, Gerrie
 Jennekens, Jon
 Lindsay, Gordon

Madanda, Tom
 Malychuk, Nick
 Otto, Fred
 Smith, Colin
 Stock, Fred
 Van Vliet, Pieter

Our New Treasurer Observes That ...

... the CSSE ended 2012 with just over \$ 20,000 in the bank, after paying out \$ 9,000 in charitable contributions in 2012, and after absorbing the cost of transition to new administrative and financial services and establishing our CSSE website.

COMMITTEES

ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

Chair..... Smith, Colin
 Other Members: Corbett, Frank
 Putt, Ken
 Eyre, Arnold
 Van Vliet, Peter

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair..... Smith, Colin
 Other Member: Evans, John

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Chair..... Van Vliet, Pieter
 Other Member: Putt, Ken

HISTORY AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE

A/Chairman & Archivist ... Eyre, Arnold
 Other Members: Bateman, Len
 Black, Robin
 Corbet, Frank
 Stock, Fred
 Advisor: Wilson, Drew

HONOURS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chairman Jennekens, Jon
 Other Members: Biron, André
 Otto, Fred
 Smith, Colin

NEWSLETTER EDITOR..... Eyre, Arnold

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ChairPutt, Ken
 Other Members: Corbett, Frank
 Van Vliet, Pieter

CALGARY REPRESENTATIVE... Brawn, Mike

HONORARY DIRECTORS: Bateman, Len
 Ferguson, Nelson
 McKay, Bill
 Williams, J.S. (Sid)

Changed Your Coordinates?

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



Members in the News

Ramsey Withers of Ottawa, Dennis Paddock of Regina, Eric Newell of Edmonton, John Evans of St. John's and Jon Jennekens of Ottawa (in addition to Pieter Van Vliet of Regina and Len Bateman of Winnipeg, previously reported) are recipients of The Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

In the Branches ...

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

MARITIMES (Contact: **Rod Desborough**, rdesborough@ns.sympatico.ca)

QUEBEC (Contact: **Frank Corbett**, corbf@videotron.ca)

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

The 2013 Board Meeting, AGM and Awards Banquet will take place in The Clarendon Hotel on **Saturday, May 25, 2013** in Quebec City.

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

The Greater Ottawa Area (Contact: **Gerrie Kautz**, gwkautz@rogers.com)

January 15 **Pierre Gingras** spoke regarding "The Pan-Canadian Power Grid".

February 19 **Drew Wilson** will speak regarding "Entrepreneurs Behind the Engineers".

March 19 **Ruth Brinston**: "Food Irradiation in Canada".

The Greater Toronto Area (Contact: **Jerry Cuttler**, jerrycuttler@rogers.com)

MANITOBA (Contact: **Fred Stock**, festus3@shaw.ca)

Winnipeg (Contact: **Ron Britton**, britton@cc.umanitoba.ca)

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

ALBERTA (Contact: **Andy Jones**, andyjones@explornet.com)

Calgary (Contact: **Tony Howard**, tonyhoward@shaw.ca)

The Calgary Branch meets 9 times a year at the Danish Canadian Club on the second Monday of each month with the exception January, July and August. Meetings start at 11:30 am and end at 1:00 pm.

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

Edmonton branch meetings are held at the Best Western Cedar Park Inn, 5116 Gateway Boulevard at 5:30 pm with a buffet dinner at 6:00 followed by a speaker, when speakers are available, usually on the third Thursday of the month.

January 24 CSSE's **Axel Meisen**, Chairman of Foresight, retiring from Alberta Innovates—Technology Futures, spoke on "The Future Vision: The Global North by 2050".

February 21 **David Law**, Schlumberger Technical Director, Heavy Oil North America, speaks on "An Engineer's Perspective on Alberta Oil Sands".

March 21 **Susan Ancel**, Director Water Distribution and Transmission, EPCOR Water Services: "25 Plus Years of Water Main Renewal and GIS Development in Edmonton".

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

Vancouver (Contact: **Gordon Lindsay**, cgordon_lindsay@telus.net)

The branch meets on the first Thursday each month at the Sutton Place Hotel, Burrard Street, Vancouver.

February 6 **CORIX**: "Smart Meters".

March 7 **Hadi Dowlatabadi**, Canada Research Chairman, UBC: "Energy in Remote Communities".

April 4 **Engineers Without Borders**: "Engineers Without Borders".

May 2 CSSE Member **Al Imrie**: "Ituango Hydro, Columbia".



Egads! Our Readership!

Some of you haven't paid your 2013 dues yet! Hurry! I want to keep sending you these newsletters! **Editor.**

In the Branches ... continued

Vancouver Island (Contact: **Gerry Buydens**
gbydens@shaw.ca)

The branch gathers for lunch at 11:30 am on the first Friday at The Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Victoria.

January 11 **Tony Brcic**, Deputy Project Director spoke on "Greater Victoria Sewage Project".

February 1 **Paul Manson**, CEO Sea Breeze Power Corp. "Cape Scott Wind Farm and Undersea Cable Projects".

March 7 **Afzal Suleman**. "UVIC Aerospace Research Program".



Tony Brcic

Whom Do You Know?

If you know any Canadian engineer or applied scientist who has demonstrated excellence in engineering (with over 20 years of engineering experience) and has rendered extraordinary service to the profession, to Canada or to the world community, please email **Jon Jennekens**, Chairman of CSSE's Honours and Awards Committee, at jonorah@rogers.com.

Welcome New Members

- **Dick Cobbald** (Ottawa, Ont.)
- **Allan Cutler** (Ottawa, Ont.)
- **Roger Palsler** (Victoria, B.C.)

In Memoriam

- **Roger Pyper** (Ottawa, Ont.)

Call to Action

Director **Colin Smith**, who chairs the CSSE Advocacy Committee, is looking to members to identify issues that significantly affect the well being of Canadians, issues on which the CSSE could well advocate public policy apolitically, issues on which members are willing to spend time preparing a CSSE advocacy paper. This is an opportunity to "sell" your ideas to your fellow Canadians, with the weight of the CSSE backing you up! Colin can be reached through the CSSE Administration Office.

The CSSE Administration Office

All "snail-mail" correspondence, including cheques, should be sent to:

The Canadian Society for Senior Engineers
1717 Lakeshore Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K4P 1H1

Email: info@seniorengineers.ca. Telephone: 613-821-0179. Fax: 613-821-5273

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

Editorial Corner

Letters to the Editor

Email your letters (100 words or less, please) to arnoldeyre@hotmail.com or mail or fax them to the CSSE Administration Office.

