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# **CSSE Newsletter**

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### The President's Remarks

A recent teleconference with our annual meeting organizers Dave Ennis, Ron Britton and Leonard Bateman confirmed that all is in readiness for our approaching gathering in Winnipeg. Extensive agenda materials have been circulated to the Directors and a comprehensive deliberation on topics germane to CSSE's future activities is planned. Key amongst these will be advancement of the several advocacy initiatives underway, expansion of membership, strengthening of regional branch meetings and activities and maximizing ongoing funding support for STEM-related student and youth programs.

On the membership front, the continuing efforts of our number one recruiter, Ken Putt, are exemplary. It is

expand its vitality and its advocacy and youth support activities.



Colin Smith

Ken has made it easy through provision to all members earlier this year of his invitation letter that he sends to prospective members and associate members after meeting them. If you'd like to see Ken's pro forma letter, simply go to info@seniorengineers.ca, or fax 613-821-0179, or phone 613-821-5273. I encourage you to add your personal touch to this letter and forward it to one or more of your colleagues, and then, as Ken says, follow up with gentle persuasion continuously applied. It really does work and your success will do much to ensure CSSE's ability to maintain/

incumbent upon all of us to emulate his initiative - and more members need to do so.

As this is my last Newsletter report as your President, I offer a sincere thank you for the privilege of having had this opportunity to serve CSSE/SCIS as your leader and thank all members who contributed to our many activities over the past year. The membership of CSSE/SCIS has much to offer our engineering profession and society at large and I encourage you to continue your engagement in its undertakings. Finally, I wish incoming President John Evans every success as he takes hold of the reins for 2015/16.

## The 2015 AGM

The 2015 Board Meeting, AGM and Awards Dinner is in Winnipeg - Where the New West Begins.

WHEN: Friday, May 29, 2015

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### The 2015 AGM continued

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WHERE: The Manitoba Club, 194 Broadway Avenue.

Note: Dress code in effect - Jacket and smart casual dress. No

denim, shorts, T-shirts sneakers, or sandals.

8:30 - 9:00 am PROGRAM: Reconnecting and Networking

> 9:00 - 11:45 am Board of Directors Meeting

> > Lunch & Presentation on the Canadian 12:00 - 1:30 pm

> > > Human Rights Museum

(Delegates, fellows and partners)

1:30 - 3:30 pm Board of Directors (resumed) and Annual

General Meeting

(All CSSE members welcome)

5:15 pm Pre-Dinner Reception

6:00 pm Dinner, Recognition of the Winnipeg

Aqueduct, Fellowships

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.

#### In Memoriam

Welcome, New/

• William Altimas (Pointe

• John Seychuk (Toronto,

Returning

**Members** 

Claire, PQ)

ON)

- Sid Williams (Montreal, QC) (who was instrumental in the founding the CSSE's Montreal Chapter)
- William Neelin (Winnipeg, MB)

#### 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. If the Fairmont Winnipeg is booked the Humphry Inn &

Suites (http://www.humphryinn.com) might work.

### Members in the News

- Soheil Asgarpour of the Calgary chapter has been awarded a fellowship in The Canadian Academy of Engineering.
- On May 13, CSSE's Nathaniel Royko of Vernon, BC, gives his presentation to The Senior Citizens Association of Killiney Beach, BC, entitled "Alternative Energy? -Why? And Which?"

### From Sea to Sea to Sea ...

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR (Contact: John Evans, 13 jgevans@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'.

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

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

The Ottawa chapter meets on the third Tuesday of the month, at 11:30 am for lunch at 12:00 and a speaker, except in December, July and August.

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.

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)

May 7 Amy Hennessy, Community & Aboriginal Relations Manager, Fortis BC, "Tilbury LNG Facility Expansion Project".

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.

May 8 Adrian Round, Director Engineering and Operations, Oceans Network Canada,

University of Victoria, "New Ocean Networks Canada Initiatives".

June 5 Eric Holdeman, Pacific Northwest Economic Region, Seattle, Washington,

"Pandemic and Disaster Preparedness".

# Changed Your Coordinates?

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

### **CSSE Charities ...**

#### CSSE - TRIUMF

Judging is underway for the 2015 TRIUMF High School Fellowship. TRIUMF received 51 applications, of which 28 applied for the newly-named *G. Gordon Lindsay CSSE* Memorial Award. Judges will winnow this august group down to a short list of about 10. Then a TRIUMF panel will select this year's winners.

### **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). The first draft advocacy paper, entitled "Our Main Infrastructure Works Whose Responsibility?", is available for review on the CSSE web site at http://seniorengineers.ca/csse/advocacy/. Thanks to the help of Jean-Guy the draft paper is available in both French and English by following the links at http://seniorengineers.ca/csse/advocacy/.
- 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).
- 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.

### The CSSE Website

The CSSE website (http://www.senior engineers.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@xplornet.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@xplornet.com.

# 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.