

# CSSE Newsletter

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## The President's Remarks

I am honoured to be serving as the CSSE President for the 2017 - 2018 term, and to be the first woman to be President of the CSSE. I am also very pleased at the strength of the slate of Officers and Board Members with whom I will have the privilege to work in the coming year.

For my inaugural message to the membership, I wanted to highlight the activities of the 2017 Annual Meeting that was held in Regina on May 12 and 13, starting with thanking my colleagues (and friends!) that helped me out on the Host Committee with the planning and execution of a very successful weekend: **Bland Brown, Jon Gillies, Dan Hogan, Rick Kullman, Margaret Kuzyk, Art Opseth and Malcolm Reeves.**

On Friday, May 12, we attended a welcome reception at the Saskatchewan Science Centre. The Saskatchewan Science Centre is one of the CSSE's annual sponsorship recipients and we were pleased to be able to present **Sandy Baumgartner**, CEO, with the 2017 cheque, witnessed by the members present.

Shown is Saskatchewan Science Centre CEO, **Sandy Baumgartner**, receiving the 2017 sponsorship cheque from CSSE Director, **Pieter Van Vliet**.

Those in attendance were also treated to a viewing of the IMAX film "Dream Big", a documentary that follows the careers of four engineers, aimed at attracting youth, particularly young girls, to engineering. During the reception that followed, we were able to explore our own youthful interests and play with some of the exhibits in the Science Centre.

Shown is the new board in action, attended by several new Fellows as observers.



President Shawna Argue



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There were many items of discussion at the Board and Annual Meetings on Saturday, May 13. Some items to note:

- Past President **Ron Britton** has agreed to continue to lead work on the "President's Task Force" with assistance from other Officers of CSSE. There are many tasks included in the scope of this project that will guide CSSE in its future mandate(s);
- A Communications Committee was formed, consisting of the Immediate Past President, the Newsletter Editor, the Website Editor and one other Director. The purpose of this committee is to coordinate all communications of the CSSE and ensure that we have consistent messaging; and
- The Gardiner Dam Project was recognized for its 50th anniversary. Representatives of the Water Security Agency were in attendance at lunch to receive a plaque presentation.



Shown are Water Security Agency representatives **Pal Chandna** (Project Manager, Dam Operations and Maintenance) and **Jody Scammel** (Director, Dam Safety & Major Structures) receiving the plaque recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the Gardiner Dam project from (then) President **Ron Britton**.

There will be many updates provided to the membership in upcoming issues of the CSSE Newsletter.

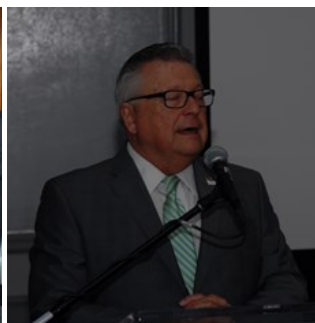
The highlight of the weekend was the Awards Banquet and Fellowship presentations. We were pleased to have 9 of the 13 new fellows in attendance to personally receive their certificates. In addition, Past Presidents **Ron Britton** and **Colin Smith** were acknowledged for their contributions to CSSE over the years. We were also joined by several dignitaries who brought greetings at the banquet, including: **Sharron Bryce**, Regina City Councillor; **Mohammed Fiaz**, MLA; and the Honorable **Ralph Goodale**, MP and Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.

After the fellowships were announced and presented by Honours and Awards Committee Chairman, **Fred Otto**, those in attendance were entertained by **Ed Willett**, author of the APEGS 75th Anniversary History Book "A Safe and Prosperous Future - 100 years of engineering and geoscience achievements in Saskatchewan".

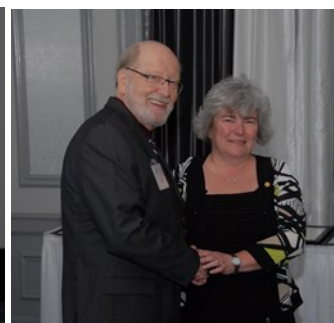
Thank you to all who attended. We hope you enjoyed your visit to our Queen City!



Fellows preparing to be piped into the awards banquet



Hon. Ralph Goodale brings greetings



Ron Britton welcoming incoming President Shawna Argue

### New & Returning Members

**George Beer** (Victoria)

**Esam Hussein** (Regina)

**James M. Hutton**  
(Edmonton)

**Paul MacNeill** (Victoria)

**David Sanborn Scott**  
(Victoria)

**Lou Scherlowski** (Sarnia)

### Changed Your Coordinates?

If you have a new mailing (or emailing) address, please inform the CSSE Administration Office and the CSSE Newsletter Editor **Arnold Eyre** [arnoldeyre@gmail.com](mailto:arnoldeyre@gmail.com)

## Looking for Expressions of Interest

The CSSE Board is seeking Expressions of Interest from active branches of the CSSE in hosting future annual meetings. Starting with 2018, we would like to get dates and locations confirmed for a few years in advance. A continual rotation of west, central, east host locations would be ideal. With that model in mind:

- 2018 - central (Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec);
- 2019 - east (Atlantic Canada); and
- 2020 - west (BC, AB, SK, territories).

If your branch is interested in hosting, please send your Expression of Interest to CSSE Secretary, Margaret Kuzyk at [margaret.kuzyk@sasktel.net](mailto:margaret.kuzyk@sasktel.net).

## Members in the News

Shown is Past President and Honorary Director **Nelson Ferguson** (left) receiving his Fellowship of Engineers Canada certificate from **Len White**, CEO and Registrar of Engineers Nova Scotia.

CSSE Founding President **Len Bateman** has received the Order of Canada.

The Saskatchewan Red Cross has named **Kay Nasser** of Saskatoon and his wife **Donna** Humanitarians of the Year.



## Presenting our New Board

At our AGM in Regina, our board for 2017-2018 was named.

**NAMED AS OFFICERS** were: **Shawna Argue** of Regina, President; **Ron Britton** of Sanford, Manitoba, Past President; **Suzelle Barrington** of Howick, Quebec, President-elect; **Dan MacDonald** of Sydney, Nova Scotia, Vice President (East); **Ken Putt** of Sooke, B.C., Vice President (West); **Margaret Kuzyk** of Saskatoon, Secretary; and **David Goodenough** of Victoria, Treasurer. A note of thanks is given to **Ron Gilkie** of Halifax for his services as a director since 2013 and Vice President (East).

**NAMED AS REGIONAL DIRECTORS** were: **William Altimas** of Pointe Claire, Quebec, Montreal region; **Robin Black** of Victoria, Vancouver Island region; **Jerry Cuttler** of Vaughan, Ontario, the GTA region; **David Ennis** of Winnipeg, Manitoba region; **Aidan Gordon** of Vancouver, B.C. mainland region; **Terry Hennigar** of Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Nova Scotia region; **Jon Jennekens** of Gloucester, Ontario, Ontario region; **Nick Malychuk** of Edmonton, Edmonton region; **Fred Otto** of Edmonton, Northern Alberta region; **Jean-Guy René**, Longueuil, Quebec, Quebec region; **Colin Smith** of Victoria, British Columbia region; **Pieter Van Vliet** of Regina, Saskatchewan region; and **Chan Wirasinghe** of Calgary, Southern Alberta region.

**NAMED AS HONORARY DIRECTORS** were: **Len Bateman** of Winnipeg, Past President, **Nelson Ferguson** of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, Past President; **Andy Jones** of Parkland County, Alberta, Past President; and **Frank Corbett** of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Quebec.

## Presenting the 2017-18 CSSE Fellows

- Jim Beckett** (Edmonton)  
**Leo Flaman** (Calgary)  
**Del Fredlund** (Saskatoon)  
**David Goodenough**  
 (Victoria)  
**Mel Hosain** (Saskatoon)  
**Donald Kjosness** (Victoria)  
**Bert Munro** (Saskatoon)  
**Peter Nikiforuk**  
 (Saskatoon)  
**Bruce Peachey** (Edmonton)  
**Ray Pentland** (Regina)  
**Al Schwinghamer**  
 (Moose Jaw)  
**Dick Strayer** (Saskatoon)  
**Peter Waschyshyn**  
 (Winnipeg)

## Recruit a New Member!

If you have a friend who is not a CSSE member, simply refer her or him to the CSSE website at [www.seniorengineers.ca](http://www.seniorengineers.ca).

## From Sea to Sea to Sea ... Current and Coming Events

**MARITIMES** (Contact: **Dan MacDonald**, [danm@cbcl.ca](mailto:danm@cbcl.ca))

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

**MONTREAL** (Contact: **Bill Altimas**, [waltimas@hotmail.com](mailto:waltimas@hotmail.com) or **Bill Matthews**, [williammatthews777@me.com](mailto:williammatthews777@me.com)) The Montreal group meets at the Manoir Resto in Pointe Claire on the first Monday of each month for lunch.

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

**THE GREATER OTTAWA AREA** (Contact: **Tony Thatcher**, [jathat@rogers.com](mailto:jathat@rogers.com))

The Ottawa Chapter (known to several members as "The Old Farts") meets at The KS Restaurant on Daze Ave., south of Southgate Shopping Mall, usually on the 3rd Monday of the month, at 11:30 for lunch at 12:00 and a speaker.

**Jun. 19** How the advances in technology have given rise to the unrelenting increase in world population (Part 2). (**Buzz Nixon**)

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

**MANITOBA** (Contact: **Dave Ennis**, [ns2@mymts.net](mailto:ns2@mymts.net))

The Manitoba chapter meets in the APEGM offices.

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

**ALBERTA** (Contact: **Fred Otto**, [fotto@interbaun.com](mailto:fotto@interbaun.com))

**CALGARY** (Contact: **Chan Wirasinghe**, [wirasing@ucalgary.ca](mailto:wirasing@ucalgary.ca))

The Calgary chapter 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 are from 11:30 A:M to 1:00 P:M.

**EDMONTON** (Contact: **Nick Malychuk**, [nmaly@telus.net](mailto:nmaly@telus.net))

The Edmonton Chapter meets at Chateau Louis Conference Centre, 11727 Kingsway on the 3rd Thursday of the month, at 11:30 a.m., with a buffet lunch at 12:00, followed by a speaker.

**Jun. 15** The conditions inside a wild fire and the constraints on the design of a new fire shelter, for the firefighters. (**Mark Ackerman**)

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

**VANCOUVER** (Contact: **Aidan Gordon**, [aidan@gordoncrane.com](mailto:aidan@gordoncrane.com))

The Vancouver chapter normally meets at 11:45, on the first Thursday each month at the Sutton Place Hotel, Burrard Street. (3-course lunch. Cost: Members \$45.00, guests \$50.00.)

**VANCOUVER ISLAND** (Contact: **Robin Black**, [robinblack@shaw.ca](mailto:robinblack@shaw.ca))

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

Speakers' ppt, files and photos are made available through Dropbox (with author's agreement).

### Correspondence with the CSSE Administration

All "snail-mail" correspondence, including cheques, and enquiries, should be sent to **our new address:**

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Ottawa, Ontario  
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[administrator@seniorengineers.ca](mailto:administrator@seniorengineers.ca)

Phone calls: 613 890 9363.

Dues and donations can be paid securely by credit card by going to the "Members" page at the CSSE website [www.seniorengineers.ca](http://www.seniorengineers.ca)

### Spreading the Word

Some of the speakers' notes are made available via Internet (with author's agreement).