

CSSE Newsletter

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The President's Remarks

Changing the Status of our Society

As many of you may be aware, the Canadian Society of Senior Engineers (CSSE) has been corresponding for some time with Revenue Canada concerning its status. The CSSE is presently registered as a charitable association. Nevertheless, in a letter addressed to CSSE in 2017, Revenue Canada pointed out that some terms used in our statement of activities were not those of a charitable association, such as: advocating specific strategies, supporting Canadian youth, promoting public awareness and supporting speakers and technical meetings. To be a recognized charitable association, CSSE had to limit its activities mostly to making gifts to qualified donees, an activity well defined in Revenue Canada's Act.



President Suzelle Barrington

To prepare a response to Revenue Canada and at its May 2018 Annual meeting held in Calgary, the Board of CSSE gave its Treasurer, **Jim Beckett**, the task of looking into this issue of remaining a charitable association. After careful consideration and the consultation of proper authorities, **Jim** came back to the Officers of CSSE in the fall of 2018, with a recommendation to change the status of our society to a Not-For-Profit organization. The main reasons behind this recommendation were: CSSE could hire a lawyer to fight this issue with Revenue Canada, but the process would be expensive and the chances of success were limited, and; such undertaking could jeopardize the reputation of CSSE and EIC (the Engineering Institute of Canada), especially if we lost our case.

In November 2018, CSSE Officers held a teleconference and decided to accept **Jim's** recommendation of changing the status of CSSE. Nevertheless, the Officers acknowledged that such decision leads to: how to manage or more specifically dispose of the present CSSE funds of about \$22 000; should CSSE still manage some charitable activities through a Foundation; the new CSSE Not-For-Profit organization needs new bylaws, and; what is the best way to make these changes in a most effective manner and at minimum cost.

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New & Returning Members

Barry Marcus Carlson
(Victoria)

James Richard Prentice
(Edmonton)

Karen M. Spencer
(Calgary)

James A. Want
(Edmonton)

The President's Remarks ... continued

To further discuss the Officers' decisions, a full CSSE Board of Directors' meeting was held by telephone in December 2018. Agreement was reached on a way forward for the CSSE to reflect: our charitable entity origins by reorganizing to retain a CRA charity-compliant CSSE Foundation, and; to create a new Not-For-Profit CSSE entity that would be our EIC Member Society with Bylaws and a mandate to pursue all our priority non-charitable activities. Your President therefore wrote a letter to Revenue Canada, announcing the change in status, with the condition that CSSE's membership ratifies this recommendation at its May 11th, 2019 Annual Meeting.

The question still remained as to how to best achieve this operation. The Board therefore created the following committee to look at this process: **Jim Beckett**, CSSE Treasurer, and responsible for finances; Ken Putt, past CSSE and EIC President, with some excellent experience in the matter, and; Pieter **Van Vliet**, Bylaws Chair of CSSE. This committee is to report to the Board by mid-February 2019, in enough time for the Board to prepare a final recommendation as how to move forward, for the May Annual meeting.

In the meantime and to facilitate the management of its funds, the Board of CSSE has set the 2019 annual fees at \$100 and decided to collect only 50% of fees in January 2019, and the other 50% in July 2019, when the change of status will have been implemented. Any planned donations should be made during the second dues tranche when the July 2019 notice is issued, and these funds will go into our re-constituted Foundation for the support of youth engineering activities, a goal which CSSE has maintain since inception.

The May Annual meeting will be exciting times as CSSE moves forwards and changes its status. This Annual meeting will be held in Fredericton on Saturday May 11th, 2019.

Annual Meeting of the CSSE

The Canadian Society of Senior Engineers Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday May 11th, 2019, at the Delta Fredericton Hotel.

The Fredericton Airport (YFC) is serviced by Air Canada, WestJet, and Porter Airlines.

Marriott hotel(s) offering your special group rate: **Delta Hotels Fredericton** for \$154.00 CAD per night.

Start date: 5/10/19; **End date:** 5/12/19; **Last day to book:** 4/11/19. For booking, click [HERE](#) or contact the hotel directly at 506-457-7000.

Please stay tuned for the program which generally consists of the Board meeting from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm, followed by a general membership meeting at 2:30 pm. An awards banquet open to the general public follows that same evening.

Members in the News

VICTORIA CHAPTER DECEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

This was our annual joint meeting with EGBC, represented by **Mary Rathbone** of the Victoria Chapter. During the introductions to this meeting we were pleased to make the following presentations:



CSSE Fellowship Mr. Eric Pettit
Presented by CSSE Past Presidents
Colin Smith and Ken Putt

**UVic Engineering Coop award
winner Austin Smith**
Presented by Calvin Tripp (UVic)
and VIES Chair Alan Winter



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

VIES Volunteer Recognition Dr. Babak Manouchehrinia
For leading the communications strategies with web services
and social networking increasing the reach of VIES



Our speaker, Kathy Heise provided an excellent background on the impact of noise pollution on our resident population of Orcas and the practical approaches to minimizing this threat.



VIES VP Guy Van Uytven thanks Kathy Heise for her intriguing presentation which stimulated great discussion



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

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

Dan is preparing an article about CSSE for the Engineers Nova Scotia magazine. Look for this article in our next Newsletter.

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

MONTREAL (Contact: **Bill Altimas**, waltimas@hotmail.com or **Bill Matthews**, williammatthews777@me.com)

The Montreal group meets at the Manoir Resto in Pointe Claire on the first Monday of each month for lunch; also, at The Royal Saint Lawrence Yacht Club (The RSLYC) in Dorval, Quebec.

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

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

The Ottawa Branch of the CSSE SCIS continues to hold its monthly lunch-seminars. Attendees include current members, former members, and friends from the Montreal Branch and others who are attracted by the seminar topics, their association with or knowledge of the guest speakers and the informative comment / question / answer sessions that follow the presentations. The informal / no fee approach seems to be an important factor. Attendance during 2018 ranged from 16 to 21 per meeting, invariably weather dependent.

The Ottawa Chapter 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 the guest speakers tentatively planned for the beginning of 2019 are:

Jan. 21. HMCS Haida, National Historic Site (**Al Lenarduzzi**, P.Eng.)

Feb. 11. Ottawa Light Rail Transport, Speaker to be confirmed by the Rideau LRT Group

Mar. 11. Louis Brennan - Australian Engineer (**Mike Taylor**, FCCSE, P.Eng.)

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

Watts Better for Manitoba

The next gathering of Manitoba senior engineers will be held on: Monday January 21st, 2019 at 12:00pm noon till 1:30 pm, at Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Office, 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg. The cost is \$10 for members and \$15 for non members.

Len Bateman, P.Eng., O.M., O.C. and founder of CSSE will turn 100 years old shortly before this event. The day's gathering will include a belated birthday celebration to recognize the addition of becoming a Centenarian to his many lifetime achievements.

Dennis Woodford, P. Eng., President of Electranix Corporation, will be the guest speaker. **Dennis** has been recognized by the IEEE for his services and contributions to the field of power systems engineering. He is a Life Fellow of the IEEE and a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Electranix provides engineering services in transmission and distribution studies and simulation, HVDC transmission, and transmission for renewable energy. Manitoba will soon have the luxury of excess hydroelectric generation capacity. This is your opportunity to hear about moving forward with that generation as the rising new energy, and how Manitoba can take advantage of this asset.



Kettle Station - Spilled Energy

To register for this event, please click the [online registration page](#)
 Registration deadline 12:00 noon on January 18, 2019.
 Feel free to pass this notice on to others who might be interested.

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

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

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

EDMONTON (Contact: Nick Malychuk, 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.

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

VANCOUVER (Contact: Aidan Gordon, 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, rcbandassoc@shaw.ca)

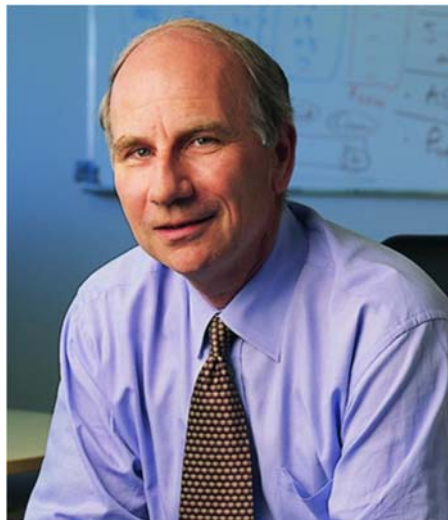
The Vancouver Island Branch gathers for lunch at 11:30 A.M., on the first Friday (adjusted for holidays) September through June, at The Oak Bay Recreation Centre, Victoria. Please link to www.viengsoc.ca for current activities and events, or secretary@viengsoc.ca for specific enquiries.

LUNCHEON MEETING 01 FEBRUARY 2019

"BC's Innovation Ecosystem: how are we doing?"

Speaker: Dr. Alan E. Winter, BC's First Innovation Commissioner

Innovation is the process that enables people to adapt, change and prepare for the future. Whereas innovation is often associated with technology and engineering, it is in fact intrinsic at all sectors of the economy. It can help businesses thrive, sectors evolve and lead to higher standards of living. However, innovation can also lead to technological disruption and major shifts in our economy. **Alan Winter** will address the



importance of innovation in BC as we compete globally, how every sector is becoming tech-enabled, and the implications of the emerging economy for us in the future.

The meeting will be held at: **Oak Bay Rec. Centre** - 1975 Bee St, Victoria, BC V8R 5E6/Upper "Sports Bar Lounge", beginning at 11:30am.

Correspondence with the CSSE Administration Office

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

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



New Associate Member Profile

Barry Carlson, Victoria

Board Chair - Plurilock Security Services Inc

A serial entrepreneur, executive and Angel investor, **Barry Carlson** has been an active leader in the Technology Industry in British Columbia for over 40 years. He has been a Founder and served as CEO of Parasun Technologies Inc. and User Friendly Media Inc., and has participated in investment, leadership and governance roles at MindLink Communications Corp, Scorpion Software Inc and Plurilock.

Barry is a past President of the Electronic Manufacturers Association of British Columbia, was a founding Director of the British Columbia Technology Industries Association, and served for two years as the Information Technology Champion (yes that was the title on the card) for the Science Council of British Columbia. He presently acts as a mentor and advisor to a couple of Technology startups in Victoria and Vancouver.

Changed Your Coordinates?

If you have a new mailing (or emailing) address, please inform the CSSE Administration Office and the CSSE Secretary, Don Kjosness
kjosness.don@gmail.com

Progress of CSSE Papers

"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) has been distributed to a representative of each province for distribution to local authorities of his or her choice.

Still being developed:

"The Erosion of Canada's Manufacturing Sector - What Can Engineers Do About It?"

(Contact **John Dinsmore** at johndins@videotron.ca, or phone 514-933-2112.)

For members who might be interested in leading a CSSE paper, there is a procedure to follow, available by contacting **Andy Jones** at stonyjones@ieee.org.

The CSSE Website: www.seniorengineers.ca

By **Andy Jones**

The CSSE web site 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 stonyjones@ieee.org. The same with if you know of something a CSSE member has done that can be entered into "members spotlight". The French version is now available at <http://seniorengineers.ca/scis/> and I'm looking for edits and corrections.