



**B.C. INSTITUTE OF POWER ENGINEERS
VANCOUVER BRANCH
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

January 22, 2007

B.C.I.T. Town Square Meeting Room "D"

Chairman: Olaf Vinje

Secretary: Ron Jones

Treasurer: Jack Dauphinais

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Attendance: Ron Jones, Olaf Vinje, David Elchuk, Fred Wright, Peter Rubben, David Ewanchook, Robert Lee, Sergei Chebotarev, David Rennie, Stuart Gallo, Jim Cumberland, Amarjit Girm, Gordie Gully, Sanjit Chadha, Ken Tien Dat Tran, Randy Noel, Martin Vine, George Anderson, Ken Lee, Brenden Lee, Octavian Andreica, Pat Jordan, Daniel Chiu, Wai Chung Lam, Ken Sunderman, Bill Edbrooke, Dettis Urba, Doug Bramley, David Babich, Matt Ellis, Kelly Laminski, Ken Mah, Art Smith.

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Moved by Wai Lam. Seconded Randy Noel – approved.
2. **Introduction of New Members and Guests:**
 - **New Members from September 26, 2006 to January 22, 2007**

Regular – Pieter Conover, Martin David Vine, Gordon Wm Gully, Daniel Chiu

Associate Member – John J. Marshall

Students – Wendell Tan, Adrian Breceit, James C. Sanchez, Robespiete Go, David Anthony Elchuk, John Perrin, Kambiz Zamanian, Wei Wu, Xiao Jian Qiu (Evan), Aman Deep Singh Viridi, Feng Xuan, Kenric J. Lee, Henry Ke, Andrew Truefitt, Tien Dat (Ken) Tran, James Ohms, Juan Perez, Matt Mills, Keran Nicols, Gil Da Roza, Jeffrey Newcomb, Sasa Srepfler, Levi Frank Olson, Kenneth Wahl, Vlad Kachura, Gill Hardeep Singh.

3. Circulation of Previous Minutes.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by Randy Noel, seconded by Daniel Chiu. Approved.

5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

None.

6. Election of 2007 Executive

Scrutineers: Daniel Chiu, Martin Vine, David Ewanchook

Election conducted by: Art Smith

Area Rep - Eric Steinson by acclamation

Alternate Area Rep – Fred Golar by acclamation

President – Olaf Vinje by acclamation

1st Vice President – Peter Rubben by acclamation

2nd Vice President – Wai Chung Lam by acclamation

Secretary – Ron Jones by acclamation

Treasurer – Jack Dauphinais by acclamation

Volunteers:

Assistant Secretary – Ken Mah

Assistant Treasurer – Peter Rubben, Mike Rushford

Auditors – David Ewanchook

- Pritam Bola

Wardens – Randy Noel

- David Babich

- David Elchuk

Telephone – David Babich

7. **Correspondence:**

The branch received several thank you letters from delegates who attended the National AGM.

8. **Reports:**

Area Rep – Art Smith – The Vancouver branch won the President’s Cup at the National AGM. Have it on display. **Special thanks to George Anderson and Eric Steinson for all the AGM photographs.**

Art will work on establishing branches in Fort Nelson, Castlegar and Abbotsford.

Treasurer – Peter Rubben – 2006 was a good year. National AGM made a profit. Bills paid, accounts current.

Committee Reports:

Employment – Kelly Laminski – The employment committee seeks to provide members with tools and resources to help themselves. Many new jobs are posted on the Website.

Membership – Art Smith – Membership is increasing. Currently our branch is the largest in Canada. Members please provide any change of address, phone no. & e mail to asmith24@shaw.ca

Addresses required for the following members. Derek Bellamy, David McBain, Willy Bois, Brian Topping, and John Henry Wood, can anyone help?

Legislation – Report by Eric Steinson – Vancouver branch drafted recommendations for B.C.S.A. and Boiler Technology Committee.

B.C. and Alberta are standardizing boiler regulations.

Eric is leading an ad hoc committee to encourage incident reporting and tracking.

British Columbia Safety Authority (BCSA) desires to move toward a more self regulated environment.

Education – Garry White - No report.

2006 Annual General Meeting – Fred Golar – No report.

9. **Coffee Break**

10. Plant Presentation – Pat Jordan – Chief Engineer – Vancouver General Hospital

Vancouver General Hospital is in the process of moving the power plant from the north side of 12th Avenue to the south side and placing the boilers under ground with a park on top of the roof. Pat described the many challenges; physical, environmental and bureaucratic while still maintaining reliable services to the hospital.

11. Safety Officer Talk – Doug Bramley

Doug recapped two accident investigations:

The first involved the furnace explosion of a boiler being started on a standby fuel system (#2 oil). Several factors were involved, including failure of the flame safety control, erratic operation of the atomizing steam differential pressure control valve and/or fuel systems as well as vague operating guidelines.

The second incident happened during a pneumatic pressure test of a tank associated with piping. A blind was not installed to isolate the piping, only block valves were closed.

The tank “lifted off the foundation” and was found on top of the process unit. The moral of this story – blinds are required

- pneumatic tests are not permitted on boiler systems, but are on refrigeration systems.

12. Next Meeting – Tuesday - March 27, 2007.

13. Moved by Martin Vine. Seconded Daniel Chiu. Meeting adjourned.

**Ronald Jones, P.E.
Secretary,
B.C Institute of Power Engineers**