

Welcome to the first issue of the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba Young Professionals Committee (CEM YPC) Newsletter. Through this newsletter, we hope to provide a monthly update of activities and events we believe are relevant to young professionals. Please forward this message to other Young Professionals in your office!

Who the heck are we? We represent YOU! We want to help you get the skills and knowledge you need to excel in your career in consulting engineering!

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1. What is a Young Professional?

A Young Professional is defined as any engineer, geoscientist, or engineering or geosciences technologist or technician working for a member company with up to ten years of experience in their applicable field.

2. Into the Future - Your Future!

The Young Professionals' Committee Gala Launch A Success!

The Consulting Engineers of Manitoba (CEM) officially launched the creation of its Young Professionals Committee (YPC) with a sold-out Gala Dinner. Over 132 young professionals (YPs), managers and well-wishers gathered at the Western Canada Aviation Museum on the evening of Thursday October 1, 2009 to network in style. Not only were attendees serenaded by soothing jazz music, but they were also offered an enticing view of air traffic on the runways of the James Armstrong Richardson Airport from an enclosed observation desk.

Andrew Steeves was the focus of the evening after several hors d'oeuvres and a mouth-watering combination of rosemary stuffed chicken, roasted potatoes, steamed vegetables and mousse cake (courtesy of Manhattan Catering & Bistro). Consulting engineers and clients alike were held in rapt attention as he gave a brief presentation on the basis of charge out rates and the importance of Qualifications Based Selection.

AMEC Earth & Environmental, Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba, Paddock Drilling, Maple Leaf Drilling and Manhattan Catering & Bistro provided our door prizes, and Rhys Laffin was fortunate to win the grand prize of a dinner for six catered to his home.

This inaugural event could not have been successful without our sponsors. The YPC would like to thank [APEGM](#) for taking a leap of faith and agreeing to be our reception sponsor. We'd also like to thank our speaker sponsors: [Wardrop Engineering Inc.](#), [Teshmont Consultants LP](#) and [AECOM](#); our wine sponsors: [SNC-Lavalin Inc.](#), [GENIVAR](#), [Dillon Consulting](#), [Crosier, Kilgour, and Partners](#), and [AMEC Earth & Environmental](#); and our program sponsor [Boge & Boge](#).

If the Gala was any indication of things to come, there is little doubt that future events will be just as exciting and entertaining! Please keep your eyes peeled for upcoming events from your CEM YPC!



Andrew Steeves gives a presentation to a packed house at the CEM YPC Gala Dinner.

3. Call for Volunteers

The Young Professionals' Committee is looking for **three members** to help with Outreach, assist with the Student Chapter, and liaise with the Awards Committee.

Our Outreach activities include engaging high school students, post-secondary students, and the general public to highlight and promote the role of engineers in society. We are also pursuing collaborations and joint activities with other professional groups in order to expand our peer networks.

The Student Chapter is CEM's on-campus presence at the University of Manitoba. Activities that fall under the Student Chapter include technical presentations about CEM member companies' projects and the CEM's mentorship program.

As a liaison with the Awards Committee, you will attend the Awards Committee meetings to give the Young Professionals' perspective and help organize an exciting evening celebrating Consulting Engineering in Manitoba. You'll also attend the YPC meetings as you will be the main communicator between the two committees.

Involvement in the YPC will give you opportunities to build and enhance your leadership and management skills and your professional network. Involvement also provides an opportunity to voice your perspective and learn more about our business.

To volunteer today, contact **Beth Phillips**, YPC Chair, at beth.phillips@wardrop.com.

4. Upcoming Events and Notices

- **CEM YPC Meeting**

Date: November 3, 2009

Time: 5:30 pm

Location: TBA

- **Manitoba Hydro Building Tour (50 spots available)**

Date: Tuesday November 17, 2009

Group 1: 9:00 AM

Group 2: 1:30 PM

Duration: 1.5 hours

Cost: **FREE!!!**

Deadline to Register: Friday November 13, 2009

The event will consist of a tour and a short presentation on the design of the winner of the 2009 Best Tall Building in North America Award from the Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH).

Each session is limited to 25 people, so there are only 50 spots available. First come, first serve. Register by emailing cemca@shaw.ca with the subject **Attn: YP MB Hydro Tour**. Please include the following information in your email: name, company, email contact address, and preferred time slot.

5. YPC Logo Design Contest

In February 2010, the CEM YPC plans to introduce its new logo in Manitoba. Through our new logo, we hope to identify and promote the YPC in a unique, innovative and professional way while establishing our identity in the world of Consulting Engineering. It is our intent that the YP Logo will coexist with the CEM logo and appear on all CEM YPC marketing items.

Here's where you come in. We are extending an open invitation to YOU to apply your creative mind to the creation of a new logo. In return, we will present the designer of the winning logo with a McNally Robinson gift certificate.

The Boring Stuff aka the Rules:

1. The logo should be versatile enough to be used on pins (1"), printed matter, CEM YP website, and the CEM YPC Newsletter.
2. No copyrighted or trademarked images should be included in submissions.

3. Submissions should be in a JPEG or GIF format and submitted via email to cem.ypccommittee@gmail.com. Please include your full name, phone number and email address.
4. Entries must be received no later than 11:59PM (Central Standard Time: GMT – 6 hours) on January 30, 2010.
5. All entries will be reviewed by a panel of judges selected by the CEM YPC. Art will be judged on the artwork's relevance, creativity, and artistic merit. One winner will be selected. The winner is expected to submit one high resolution version of the logo. Judging decisions are final and may not be appealed.
6. The selected logo becomes the property of the CEM YPC, and may be used for any purpose determined by CEM YPC. The basic elements of the logo may be used by CEM YPC as a template and modified.
7. If the design is submitted by a team of 2 or more persons, the team will divide the winning proceeds.
8. All approved entrants will be recognized on the website.

6. Survey

The CEM YPC has developed a survey to help us best meet your needs. Its purpose is to help identify and target events that matter to **YOU**. It is ten questions long and should take about 5 minutes. You can complete it at:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=j5GFAYVMk8ytuBJ_2fMb2WNg_3d_3d.

7. Other Business

a) CEM Events and Notices

- **CEM E-Line Re-launches**

Wondering what CEM has been up to recently? Wondering what's going on in our industry? CEM is pleased to release the Fall 2009 Edition of E-Line, The Quarterly Journal of Manitoba's Consulting Engineers. The E-Line Journal will be published quarterly and will provide news and views relevant to the Manitoba Consulting Engineering community. All are encouraged to peruse the attached copy and find out what's happening in our industry and what CEM is up to!

- **CEM 2009 Awards Bulletin**

Who were the best and brightest in Manitoba's Consulting Engineering industry last year? What were the coolest projects? Look no further than the attached CEM 2009 Awards Bulletin, which highlights the winners of the 2009 CEM Awards.

b) Non-CEM Events and Notices

- **APEGM 90th Annual General Meeting**

When: Friday October 23, 2009

Where: Fort Garry Hotel

There are many events planned for this association milestone, including the Business Meeting, Professional Development seminar, and Awards Dinner and Dance. Visit www.apegm.mb.ca for registration details.

- **UMES Leaders of Innovation Wine & Cheese Networking Event**

When: Thursday November 12, 2009 at 6:30 PM
Where: EITC E2 Atrium, U of M Campus, Engineering Building
Cost: \$25

The University of Manitoba Engineering Leaders of Innovation Wine & Cheese provides an excellent opportunity for students to meet business professionals on a one on one basis. Attendees will have an opportunity to promote their companies to a talent pool of students. This opportunity can also be used to share ideas, issues in the industry, and to discuss the innovations that set your company apart!

Wine, cheese, hors d'oeuvres, and refreshments will be served. Please see the attached brochure and contact **Steven Bohrn** (s.k.bohrn@gmail.com) for more information.

- **Fair Trade Wine Tasting Fundraiser**

When: Thursday, November 19 at 7:00 PM
Where: Champa Bistro, 696 Osborne Street (Osborne at Rathgar)
Cost: \$25

Come out for a night of wine tasting to delight your palate, featuring four of the fair trade wines available at your local MLCC. The program will include Mr. Jono Borden of the Prestige Wine Group who will be on hand to discuss the many different qualities of the wines. There will also be discussion on the benefits of fair trade wine. A jazz trio will provide music for the evening. Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Please respond to **Ryan Sparkes** (winnipeg@ewb.ca) for tickets or more information. Tickets will also be available from any EWB Winnipeg member.

8. Contact Information

We thrive on feedback! For newsletter related questions or comments, please email cem.ypnews@gmail.com.

If you'd like more information on the YPC, please contact our Chair, **Beth Phillips**, at beth.phillips@wardrop.com.

For additional information on CEM and the CEM YPC, please visit our website at <http://www.cemanitoba.com>.