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## WELCOME

It is that time of year when engineering schools across the country are gearing up for final exams, civil engineering students are looking for both summer and permanent jobs, and employers are actively recruiting prospective new hires. It is an exciting time of year. Indeed, although winter is still very much with us, there is a feeling that spring is in the air! It is also the time when graduating students as student members of the Society will begin to transition to Associate Member status in conjunction with beginning their first stage of employment as an Engineer in Training.

## RECENT ACTIVITIES

With the resignation of our President Elect a few weeks ago, the Board has been grappling with the matter of addressing the President position for the coming year. In doing so, the Board was acting under the authority given to it as per Article 8.1 of our bylaws. In a special meeting of the Board held on March 11, and following considerable discussion of various alternative courses of action, a decision was taken to appoint our Senior Vice President, Reg Andres, to a two-year Presidential term. As such, the position of President Elect will remain vacant for the coming year. Going forward, it will be incumbent on all Board members, and others, to support Reg as he takes on this unprecedented task; however, we are confident that he will do an excellent job!

I was pleased to learn that an interview of two of our members by a newspaper reporter resulted in a very positive story about civil engineering that also included mention of the Society. The interviews were given by Nigel Parker, Chair of the Young Professionals Committee and also a member of the Toronto Section executive, and Brian Burrell, Vice President of Technical Programs. To date, the article has been picked up by five daily newspapers. Congratulations fellows!

As we approach the annual general meeting to be held at our annual conference in late May, the Nominating Committee has been busy with ensuring that all Board positions will

have a nominee for the coming year. You will soon receive a copy of the committee's report from our National Office. Members should be aware that, as per Article 8.10 of our bylaws, a number of Board positions are contestable should that be the will of a sufficient number of members.

The Board's adhoc bylaw review committee continues to make progress on the review required as part of our filing of Articles of Continuance under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act with Industry Canada. This committee is now being chaired by our Honorary Treasurer, Dan Dankewich.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

I am planning on attending three conference events near to the end of my term as President, including the Hydrotechnical Division's 21<sup>st</sup> conference in Banff, the EIC climate change conference in Montreal, and of course our own annual conference also being held in Montreal. Web contact information for each of these events is given below.

The deadline for submitting all committee and division reports for the Society's annual report is this week. All members of the leadership team are encouraged to comply with this deadline.

I am yet hoping to visit some of our Sections before my term concludes in late May. Others from the senior executive team may also be doing the same as their time permits.

## **VISION 2020: Our plans for the future**

The three strategic directions that will guide and inform our decision-making over the next several years in realizing our mission and vision include:

- Strategic Direction #1: enhanced services to members (focus on improved programming for our members, including many of our traditional activities)
- Strategic Direction #2: growing with youth (focus on students and young professionals and their career development aspirations and needs)
- Strategic Direction #3: leadership in sustainable infrastructure (focus on the improvement of the planning, design, construction and maintenance of public infrastructure)

All members, and perhaps particularly those engaged in leading the Society, are encouraged to actively participate in helping us to take action to make the strategic directions come to life. It is the sum of all of our efforts that will result in meaningful impact on the vitality of our Society; please do not underestimate the importance of your contributions to our work!

## **WORKSHOPS / CONFERENCES**

CSCE 21<sup>st</sup> Canadian Hydrotechnical Conference, Banff, AB, May 14 – 17, 2013 Please click [here](#) for more info.

EIC 3<sup>rd</sup> Climate Change Technology Conference, Montreal, QC, May 27 – 29, 2013.

Please click [here](#) for more info.

CSCE annual conference, Montreal, QC, May 29 – June 1, 2013

Please click [here](#) for more info.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

To date, the Society's National History Committee has overseen the plaquing of 61 civil engineering historic sites. In all, 51 of them have been designated National sites, three of them Regional sites, and seven of them International sites.

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