



FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Wednesday, December 15, 2009

Location: Room 135 Father Mercardi School

Present: Henry Xu, Joseph Amalraj, Jey Kumar, Kimberley Mervyn, Malcolm Edirisinghe, Sanil Sivarajan, Wayne Kosik

Regret: Aldous Walters, Christian West, Jacob Oommachan, John Huntley, Maha Al-Khalidi

Absent:

(Minutes recorded by Kimberley Mervyn)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Joseph at 19:03 hr.

1. **Agenda Review**
Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Henry and seconded by Jey.
2. **Review and approve minutes of last meeting**
Motion made to accept the agenda was moved by Jey and seconded by Wayne.
3. **Business arising out of previous meeting minutes**
 - a. Send e-mail to volunteers to see if they are interested in the open member-at-large positions available. Next meeting in January, they can put their names forward and branch members can vote.
4. **Review Action Log**
 - a. **None**
5. **Reports**
 - a. **Chair's Report**
Presented by Joseph:
 - Councillor's meeting: branch chairs are there to observe and report back, but need more feedback from the chairs.
 - Orientation should be arranged for new members and executives.
 - clarification on the President's Visit: only the MC and guest are free. All other members of the executive must pay. Currently 166 new inductees, which are free plus one guest each.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report**
-not available.

-Jey requires the branch info including account number; to be forwarded from Kim. Jey and Joseph to go to TD on Saturday to transfer the signing authority.

c. Outreach Co-ordinator

Presented by Wayne:

-Nov 29th was the Lego Challenge at the Discovery Centre; John, Sanil, Wayne, and Henry were present to help. Approx 60-70 people participated in an Olympics and Green Theme'd event. There was talk about whether there will be a Science Olympics in April at the Discovery Center. If it does not happen there, perhaps some thought about a Science Night at one of the schools.

-Wayne gave a presentation for the 1st year Engineering Students at Keyano.

6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events

a. President's Visit:

To be held at 6:30pm at the Sawridge on February 3rd. Malcolm suggested that we include a remembrance of Joneson during the night, which everyone agreed upon. Malcolm to assist with contacting the Sawridge since some items are outstanding to get cleared up.

b. Technical Seminar:

Sanil discussed about combining with CIM who is bringing in a distinguished speaker. The charge to those attending would be \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members in order to cover some of the costs. The presentation would be approximately 2 hours. Motion was made to host a CIM joint event on Feb 17th or 24th at a cost of \$200, and to defer the other seminar that was to be on the 17th. Motion passed unanimously. Still clarification to be made as to whether members means both APEGGA and CIM.

c. Info Night:

Henry to organize and contact Bill Santo at APEGGA for the presentation information. Discuss with Jacob for assistance since he has organized these in the past. To be hosted possibly at the Golden Year's Society in March. Malcolm to help Henry with the event.

d. Student Awards:

Kim Farrell is another signing authority for the Centennial Awards. She is to come sometime to the monthly meeting to explain the awards, and to follow up since they may be out of funding for these awards. The University of Alberta has made a scholarship in honour of Joneson, and a motion was made to add an additional \$100 from the branch. Motion passed unanimously.

7. New Business

a. 2010 Business Plan:

Kim to forward the 2009 business plan to Jey to submit to head office.

8. Around the Table

-Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

-Fort McMurray Toastmasters are having a potluck on Saturday night. Henry to send the information, and Kim will forward on.

-Wayne suggested the YMCA as a possible second location for the meetings since there has been some difficulty in accessibility at Father Mercedi.

-Kim suggested that as part of the planning session, the schedule for the branch meetings be set so that people can either make those dates available in their schedule or else the date be moved if many people can not make it.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, January 13th.

Adjournment: 21:00