



Institute of Power Engineers
London and Owen Sound Sub-Branch

To all London/Owen Sound IPE Members

From: Robert Banks London Branch President

Since being elected as the Branch President I have learnt that, much as I felt when not on the IPE executive that there is a great lack of communication with the membership.

Consequently, I am going to endeavour to issue a communication by email several times per year of which this memo will be the first.

Each communication will contain but not limited to:

- A list of upcoming events
- Updates on Branch activities
- Updates on Ontario Area activities
- Updates on National activities
- A short bio of one of the members

Ontario Area News

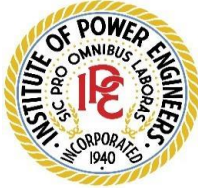
Ontario Area Web Site www.ipe.org

The Ontario web site has been modernized and updated and is very friendly.

It contains a multitude of useful information and links very useful to every IPE member;

- Job Postings
- Useful Links
- National, Area and Branch News and meeting minutes
- Calendar of events

Please endeavour to review the site as much as possible.



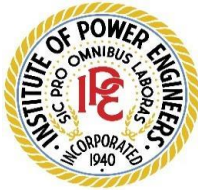
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- The Ontario Area Reps meeting was held in Toronto, Saturday April 7th. Patrick Vail, Randy Purves, Darrlye Falkingham and Bob Banks attended. Full meeting minutes are to be posted on the web site.
- A new **TUG** (Turbine Users Group) is being proposed as a joint effort of CEM and the IPE. This group will concentrate on small turbine users to discuss all facets of turbine use, including managing market participation. More to follow through the web site.
- Attached is a presentation that Mike Adams made to the Kingston Branch. It includes insight to the future of Power Engineering. I encourage you to review it.

London/Owen Sound Branch New

2018 London/ Owen Sound Executive

Past President	Don Hutchison
President	Robert Banks (Branch Rep)
1 st Vice President	Randy Purves (Branch Rep)
2 nd Vice President	Gord Silverthorn
Owen Sound President	Darrlye Falkingham
1 st Secretary	Don Hutchison
Treasurer	Craig Mathews
Warden	Patrick Vail
Auditors	Bob McLean & Andrew Young
Web Master	Adam Querin
Membership and Recruitment Chair	Claire Beauregard
Education Chair	Andrew Young
Members at Large	Claire Wright & Gerald Dayman



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Fanshawe College

- Has been approved by the TSSA to provide the 4th Class Power Engineer Modules at the St. Thomas campus.

It is extremely important that Industry, all Power Engineers and the IPE support this program and the students. They require internships and mentoring in order to be successful, only we can provide that!

It is interesting to note that the Colleges have only approximately 220 4th Class seats available in any given year. With the average age of Certificate holders remaining steady (1st 60, 2nd 57, 3rd 49 and 4th 46 years) it is obvious a huge number of Power Engineers are approaching retirement, it is easy to see the tremendous shortage that is going to occur over the next few years.

It is imperative that the Colleges, Industry and all Power Engineers support the students to prevent a serious shortage of Power Engineers.

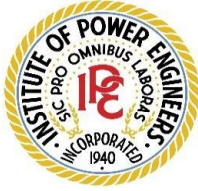
- The annual OETCAB (Operating Engineers Training and Certification Advisory Board) is being held in Kitchener on May 23 in conjunction with the IPE Collaboration Day being held May 24.
- Gord Silverthorn thanks everyone for their help in securing boiler parts, etc for our students in the fall. A special thank you to Bob McLean. The old Electro Motive Diesel Plant on Oxford St. proved to be a good place for parts as well.

IPE membership in all areas is stagnant. It is imperative that we have a strong voice both to Industry and the Government. A case in point is the Regulation review currently underway. The IPE is the only voice for Power Engineers in Canada.

In order to maintain the current level of membership the Executive has contacted all Members who haven't renewed for 2018.

London/Owen Sound Branch plans to expand the Membership. Some of the efforts you will see in 2018 will be:

- Claire Beauregard of Klensoid has been appointed Recruitment and Membership Chair.
- Visits to the 3 Colleges in the area to inform the students what IPE is all about and encourage them to join.



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- Have at least 2 public information events that invite students and prospective students to inform them of the advantages of Power Engineering and the IPE.
- Approach the Chief Engineers to encourage them to join the IPE along with their reports.
- **THE BEST WAY TO SEEK NEW MEMBERS IS FOR CURRENT MEMBERS TO ENCOURAGE THEIR CONTACTS AND PEERS TO JOIN.** There will be more information forthcoming regarding the advantages of the IPE and Power Engineering.

✚ **The next IPE meeting is scheduled for May 1st, the venue TBD. I hope to see you there!**