

## Westman Chapter

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The Westman Chapter has had another successful year. Even with five executive members the Chapter has orchestrated numerous activities and events. Also the committee has noticed an increase in participation and positive feedback from APEGM members who continually attend the venues.

Our Westman Chapter this year was committed to providing a variety of professional engineering luncheons which would bring in a respected attendance of 40 to 50 members per event. The diverse topics included the Assistant Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources speaking about the oil exploration in Manitoba. This venue was well attended with a record capacity along with Bill Foreman from Caboline Inc. talking about Corrosion Principles and Corrosion Control. Furthermore Felix Sandron from Vector Corrosion Technologies enlightened us with a presentation on “Repair, Protection and Corrosion mitigation of Concrete Structures.” Lastly due to the numerous steel structures being manufactured in Western Manitoba, the committee asked Gordie Tumilson from the Canadian Institute of Steel Construction (CISC) to present on the benefits of steel and to showcase high level projects which were erected.

This season our executive committee was able to organize and host our first ever technical development course for APEGM members. The two day course entitled “Sharpening Your Communication Skills”, was structured for professional engineers to improve on their technical writing. The course created and taught by the company RGI was well received and attended. Furthermore members who registered and attended could use the seminar for continual professional development credit with APEGM.

Other notable events the Westman Chapter volunteered and promoted was the Spaghetti Bridge Competition at the Westman Career Fair and the annual Westman Science Fair. The new APEGM banners for the career symposium attracted a plethora of attention resulting in a high level participation for the spaghetti bridge building. Also the unique and attractive APEGM “swag” which is received every year for the venue was praised highly amongst the students, teachers, and the public who frequent the

booth to learn more about engineering and what APEGM represents.

The Westman Science Fair is always in need of volunteers and once again our committee worked very hard in reaching out to other APEGM members in order to provide support and resources for the event. The day was very successful and a tremendous amount of gratitude from the Science Fair's President was received amongst the volunteers.

The APEGM Westman executive committee is looking forward to a new season with plans to continue offering interesting engineering luncheons, new technical development courses and possibly hosting a Western APEGM social night with fun and games.

The season would not have been so successful without the continual support and efforts of Kyle Cumming — Treasurer, David Ford — Secretary, Michael Maendel - Vice Chair and Ashish Banerji. Thank you all.