

2015-2016 Chinese Members Chapter

The executive committee members for the 2015-2016 term are as follows:

Steven Wu, M.Sc., P.Eng. (*Chair*)

Wingkeat Wong, M.Eng., P.Eng.

Zhidong Pan, M.Sc., P.Eng.

Xiaowen Hao, M.Sc., P.Eng.

Bill Zhao, M.Sc., P.Eng.


Jasmine Li, EIT

Junying Qu, PhD., P.Eng.

The Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Chinese Members Chapter is a non-profit organization, consisting of professionals and members-in-training with Chinese origin and registered with Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. Technologists/technicians and students in the engineering-related field are also welcome to join the Chapter. All members will receive free membership once registered with the Chinese Members Chapter.

The Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Chinese Members Chapter has successfully organized a number of events during the fiscal year of 2015 from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

- 2015 Summer Picnic at Assiniboine Park on August 23, 2015.
More than 40 members attended the 2015 summer picnic at Assiniboine Park on August 23, 2015. The event provided an opportunity for members to not only showcase their favorite homemade dishes, but also for members and their family to join a variety of games for fun and prizes. The event began with tasting various home-made dishes brought by individual members and vegetables, drinks, and fruits prepared by the Chapter, followed by group games. During the game portion, the Chapter members were divided into different groups based on their disciplines and went through a number of games, including ice-breaking introduction, knowledge on workplace health and safety, registration process with the Association, trivia on Manitoba cities, building towers with straws, etc. Prizes were presented to the winning groups after each game.
- Spring Seminar on Project Management at Engineering and Geoscientists Manitoba office on May 17, 2016.
Mr. Cheng Wong, P. Eng. technical director at AECOM was invited to present on project management in the Association office on May 17, 2016. Mr. Wong shared his experience and knowledge on project budgeting, scheduling, and cost control as well as challenges faced and lessons learned through his career. Approximately 30 members attended the



event, including registered professional members, students, and internationally trained engineers working toward their registration. Pizza was provided by the Chapter to the participants. The event provides an opportunity for members to further their understanding and interact their knowledge and experiences on the specific topic of project management.

- 2015 Annual General Meeting at the Jinlin Restaurant on January 21, 2016. Over 50 members signed up for the Chapter 2015 Annual General Meeting on January 21, 2016. Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba CEO and registrar Mr. Grant Koropatnick and Association of Chinese Professors in Manitoba President, Dr. Qiang Zhang attended the meeting. The meeting started with traditional Chinese cuisine buffet, followed by president's report and treasurer's financial report. Dr. Marcia Friesen, P. Eng., Director of Internationally Educated Engineers Qualification program (IEEQ) at the Faculty of Engineering, was invited as keynote speaker and presented on the topic of Culture at work: Why does it matter? Dr. Friesen used simple examples in daily life to explain the culture variety/difference and why culture matters to all of us in our job and matters more than we realize. A few life stories shared by Dr. Friesen helped the participating members understand the culture difference and importance of cultural fluency. National Bank of Canada and Investors Group provided sponsorship for the Chapter Annual General Meeting and prepared gifts for the participating members.
- Presentation at Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Ingenium Conference 2015 on October 22, 2015. The Chinese Chapter executive members, Mr. Steven Wu and Mr. Wingkeat Wong presented at the APEGM Ingenium Conference 2015 on the topic of Association Chapters – Uniting Diversity. More than 20 conference participants attended the session. The conference presentation boosted awareness of the different Chapters' existence and further promoting the positive impacts of the Association Chapters. Ms. Tara Zrymiak, P. Eng., FEC, the incoming president for the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists Saskatchewan (APEGS) attended the session. Ms. Zrymiak contacted us for our presentation slides to study the possibility of setting up similar chapters with their Association in Saskatchewan.
- 2016 Manitoba Marathon
The Chinese Members Chapter assembled a relay team from the members to participate in the 2016 Manitoba Marathon. Regular running training was carried out by the team prior to the marathon. The team completed all relay legs successfully within a decent finishing time. The relay team continued to organize regular fitness activities after the Marathon and has grown larger with more members joining the team.