

EGM Westman Chapter - 2017/18 Annual Report

The EGM Westman Chapter which consists of eight executive members experienced a very proactive 2017/18 season. The EGM Westman held their AGM on October 13th, 2017 which attracted a large member attendance (40+ members). The committee organized numerous professional seminars that encompassed a broad range of engineering topics. Some of the notable PD events planned were:

- “Environmental Containment” Gary McFarlane, Titan Environmental Containment
- “Types of Flow Meters and Process Integration” – Adam Troeller, Lakeside Process Controls Ltd.
- “Climate Change Impacts in Manitoba” – Dr. Henry Venema
- “Inspection and Non-Destructive Testing” – Axis Inspection Group Ltd.
- “Made in Manitoba Climate and Green Plan” – Randall Shymko, Climate Change & Air Quality Branch of Manitoba Sustainable Development

The Chapter continues to volunteer their time and resources to community events. Numerous members participated in judging the annual Westman Manitoba Science Fair (WMSF) held in Brandon. The executive has worked with the WMSF committee to implement a special award for the best Engineer/Geoscientist topic. The Brandon career symposium is another local event that the executive becomes involved with because it is an excellent opportunity to promote engineering and geoscience. Every year the committee has setup a display booth at the Brandon Career Symposium which consists of a spaghetti bridge building contest. The info booth is a fan favorite amongst students and attendees.

The Chapter continues to approach Westman EGM members, committees and schools such as CTTAM (Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba) and ACC (Assiniboine Community College) to discuss future professional development sessions that benefit Westman professionals. The coordination between these organizations has helped provide additional educational resources for engineers, geoscientists, technologists, technicians and students in the Westman area.

Recognition for all EGM members who have volunteered and supported the Chapter’s events must be acknowledged. Without the continual support, the committee would not be able to provide the services and CPD functions it does. Also thanks to the executive committee which consists of Kyle Cumming (Treasurer), Scott Melvin (Secretary), Agustin Salas Alvarez, Michael Maendel, Ryan Johnston, Brad Newton and Patrick Vandoorne for their ongoing support and striving to make EGM Westman an active and successful chapter.

The Chapter’s annual general meeting for the upcoming year has been tentatively scheduled for late November to provide members insight on current and future activities. The Westman chapter anticipates a challenging year ahead due to financial restraints.

Scott Whaley – Chair, EGM Westman Chapter