

## Minutes June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Willowdale/Thornhill Chapter

Thornhill Community Centre, Activity Room B8

Thornhill Community Centre Branch, 7755 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill, ON L3T 4P1

**5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.            Dinner**  
**6:00 p.m. – 8:00p.m.            Meeting**

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### 1.0 Call to Order and Welcome by the Chair

- Meeting Called to order at 6:16 PM by Nick Shelton
- Roll call

### 2.0 Routine Business

- Approval of Agenda
  - Motion: To approve the agenda as distributed



- Moved: Rana Tehrani
- Seconded: Polina Glick
- Motion CARRIED
- Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes (May 9th, 2017):
  - Correction – throughout – change Yekta to Tehrani
  - Correction 6.0 – reference to Nanda Lwin reading of Facebook posts re: member awards
  - Motion: to approve minutes as corrected
    - Moved: Debasis Dey
    - Seconded: Amit Gupta
    - Motion CARRIED

### 3.0 Chair's Report (Nick Shelton)

- The East Central Congress meeting was attended by Nick Shelton on June 10th. Attendees included all East-Central region chapter Chairs for the purpose of discussing common issues. Take-aways from the congress included:
  - A Toronto Blue Jay event is being planned by the Lake Ontario chapter. Tickets are available for our chapter.
  - NEM reimbursement is available – to be confirmed by Vimbai Munyukwi
  - Software is available to assist the borrowing of guides (mentors) from other chapters for the the Engineer-in-Training/ License Assistance Program (EIT/LAP)
- Some RCC special funding (\$15k) is available for good ideas.
  - Souheila Bardakji suggested a conference where members can present some of their work for the benefit of other members
  - All ideas should be submitted to Nick Shelton for summarizing and forwarding for approval
- Chapter nametags and business cards are available for board members (*a signup sheet was circulated during the meeting*)
- A Leadership Development Model has been created to help board members to become better leaders. Nick Shelton can share the link to any interested board members.
- A chapter web camera has been made available as a result of the "Life-sized Cloud" project which was not ultimately implemented.
- Rashmika Puppala has transferred to the Scarborough chapter.
- "CASL", the Canadian Anti-Spam Legislation, prohibits an e-mail containing any commercial terms to be sent to another member. Therefore, for example, invitations to events cannot contain reference to the fee, and cannot contain direct links to webpages containing commercial terms.
- The latest "Dimensions" magazine contains an article with updated information on the Industrial Exception and the anti-red-tape ruling.

#### 4.0 Treasurer's Report (Vimbai Munyukwi)

- The chapter bank balance as of today is \$39, 921.63

#### 5.0 Committees Reports

- **Programs (Azin Aslani)**
  - On May 31 Andrew Herbst gave a presentation on the subject of Managing Engineering with Advanced Work Packaging.
  - Next event June 29 (topic: Better Health)
  - Possible presentation in July on Advanced Composite Materials
  - The Annual Barbeque has been set for July 29.
  - Shayan Sepiani will be added as a board member, and will be assuming the Chair position for the Programs committee.
- **Government Liaison Program (GLP) (Fred Saghezchi)**
  - No specific results to communicate this month.
  - One committee member left and one new committee member has joined.
  - A new committee structure is being set up.
  - The goals will be to get the committee involved with the Minister of Energy, and to try to work more closely with our MPPs.
  - Polina Glick suggested we invite the MPPs to attend our upcoming LPC.
  - Nick Shelton noted that at the E.C. event, the OSPE representative was present and emphasized that OSPE can help with organizing events.
  - Vimbai Munyukwi suggested that we can use the remaining \$1500 budget to host a York Region Townhall Meeting with our members and the MPPs.
- **License Presentation Ceremony (LPC) (Aung Ko Ko Kyaw)**
  - The initial June 22 booking date required changing because it interfered with Ramadan. A July 5 booking at the Thornhill Country Club will be confirmed instead. *[NB: After the meeting this date was subsequently revised to Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>, registration at 6:30 pm, dinner at 7:30 pm, location Thornhill Country Club per e-mail by Aung Ko Ko Kyaw 2017-06-15]*
  - A guest speaker representing the TTC Spadina subway extension project is being pursued.
  - The menu will provide attendees with a main course dish of either Chicken, Fish, or Vegetarian.



- **Electronic Media (Mohammad Horriyat)**
  - The gallery contains many updated photos.
  - Program information has been added
  - Nick Shelton will provide CASL rules to Mohammed. Mohammed will watch for violations.
  
- **Education (Rana Tehrani)**
  - Invitations for education scholarship applicants are out to members.
    - Three scholarships will be awarded: \$2000, \$1000, and \$500.
  - Rana introduced Mena Dezz who is the founder of the Instagram blogsite “ironringgirls”. The site focuses on women engineers and their opinions and activities.
  - Rana and Mena are planning a joint event between WTPEO and ironringgirls.
  - Mena will speak at the LPC.
  - Mazyar Bolour noted that he has the chapters bridge testing machine at home in his basement if we want to organize a bridge building and testing contest.
  
- **Publications (Hamdy Elarabi)**
  - No report this month.
  
- **Awards (Mohinder Grover)**
  - Nothing to report this month.
  
- **Engineer-in-Training/ License Assistance Program (EIT/LAP) (Mazyar Bolour)**
  - Overall the program is going well.
  - One complaint from an EIT regarding inability to schedule time with their guide. This has been resolved.
  - A mid-year check-point dinner is being arranged with EITs and guides for a date in July. 50-60 people are expected to attend.

## 6.0 Other Business and Roundtable

- Fred Saghezchi recommended that absent committee chairs send reports and updates ahead of the board meeting.
- A rousing farewell was given to Vimbai Munyukwi who was attending her last meeting with our chapter.

## 7.0 Motion: to adjourn

- Moved: Vimbai Munyukwi  
Seconded: Amit Gupta



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- No debate, Motion CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting is on September 12th, 2017.