



2008 - 2009 Board of Directors

The new 2008 - 2009 Board of Directors were elected the Annual AGM in June 2008.

New to the Board this year is Rick Tiller of Tiller Engineering, and Lloyd Short of SDI. Welcome.

CENL would like to send a Special Thanks to Steve Barbour (Past President 2006-2007) and Mike Hogan (ACEC Representative) for their dedicated commitment to CENL.

A new Board of Directors will be nominated at the AGM this Spring. Please consider volunteering your time to serve.



Back Row: Paul Sceviour, Secretary; Andrew Small, Treasurer; Rod Winsor, Director; James Powell, Director.

Front Row—Elizabeth Whelan Hollett, Executive Director; Ken Drover, Director; Lee Bennett, Director; Richard Tiller, President; Anthony Costello, Past President.

Missing from Photo: Lloyd Short, Director.

President's Message:

A welcome to all members to our first newsletter for this year. We have successfully performed an operations and strategic review of CENL this past summer. During my Presidency it is my goal to fulfill the recommendations of this study review a priority basis. We have successfully hired a part time Executive Director, Elizabeth Whelan Hollett, P.Eng. and have struck Membership and Advocacy committees. We have also increased our cooperation with our mother organization ACEC and have asked them for their direct assistance as we move forward to strengthen CENL.

While we may represent the majority of Consulting Engineers in the province, there are two or three key firms that I would like to see as members. Our Membership Committee has this as a goal this year to attract new members firms. Our executive and our Advocacy Committee has a goal this year to establish long term relationships with groups that we should be advocating.

In closing CENL can be a powerful and influential industry organization to represent the interests of Engineering Consultants in Newfoundland and Labrador. We are only as strong as the efforts of our members...I encourage all member firms to designate an individual in their group who would be interested in helping us achieve our goals this year.

Sincerely

Rick Tiller, M.Eng., P.Eng.
President, CENL

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Condolences

CENL wishes to offer our deepest condolences to the families and friends to the victims of Cougar Flight 491. As well, a speedy recovery to Robert Decker, the lone survivor of the tragedy.



CENL NEWS

2008—2009 AGM

The date for this years Annual General Meeting has been finalized. The AGM will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at the Capital Hotel on Kenmount Road.

Cocktails to begin at 6:30 with Dinner and meeting to commence at 7pm. Please mark your calendar.

CENL—Engineering Award of Excellence Call for Nominations

CENL's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that the Consulting Engineering Award of Excellence for Newfoundland and Labrador will be presented in several categories again in 2009. Member firms are invited to submit information on a Newfoundland and Labrador based project they wish to have considered for an award.

The award categories are:

Buildings, Municipal, and Transportation; Natural Resource, Energy, and Industry; and Engineering Innovation

Any member firm may submit up to two projects. There is no limitation or restriction on project size. Project must have been completed within recent years. (Preferably January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008). Client approval of project submission is recom-

mended.

The deadline for Nominations is May 12, 2009. The application can be found on the CENL website. The projects will be reviewed by a panel and the Awards presented at the AGM on June 8, 2009.

Questions / comments regarding the Award may be directed to James Powell at 579-2126, or Elizabeth Whelan Hollett at 765-9714.

CENLAGM

June 8, 2009

Capital Hotel

ACEC Re-branding What does it mean for CENL?

ACEC, as you know, has been tasked with Renaming and Re-branding the organization. What does this mean for the Member Organization's (MO's) across the country? What does this mean for CENL? Some MO's have readily accepted the name change and have proceeded with legally changing their names and all the associated administrative tasks.

At the Re-branding session held during the ACEC Board meetings in Saskatoon in November, ACEC had retained a specialist to meet with the Board and Executive Directors to finalize some re-branding and tag line initiatives.

There were many concerns raised during this session, mostly pertaining to the removal of "Consulting" form

the name of the organization.

In mid-February you received a questionnaire pertaining to some of the names and tag-lines which were the outcome of the Re-branding session.

After polling all Member Firms, ACEC will review the survey results and put forth the conclusions from across the country.

Member Organization of:



Association of Canadian
Engineering Companies



CENL Membership Committee

The Membership Committee was formed in November 2008. The committee members are: Lee Bennett, Andrew Small, Rick Tiller and Elizabeth Whelan Hollett. The committee met to prepare several options for the 2008-2009 fee structure. The new fee structure was approved by the Board of Directors and

invoices have been sent to all current Member Firms.

The main task facing the Membership Committee now is the recruitment of new Member Firms. As a part of this initiative the committee has prepared a Membership Campaign which offers new members a 50% discount for the first year of membership.

A campaign brochure has been designed.

We challenge each current Member Firm to recruit at least one New Member Firm in the next 6 months.

Let the Campaign Begin !!!

CENL Advocacy Committee

As we move forward with the promotion of CENL in the Province it is imperative that we form a working relationship with the difference levels of government and municipalities as well as other industry related associations. The Advocacy Committee, with this mandate, was formed in February of this year. The Committee members are:

Tony Costello, Jamie Powell, Rick Tiller, and Elizabeth Whelan Hollett.

The Committee met with PEGNL in mid-March to discuss common concerns and issues.

In April CENL were invited to attend a meeting in conjunction with PEGNL and NAA with the Department of

Transportation and Works.

A meeting is scheduled for later this month with NEIA to discuss common interests.

An application has been made to become a member of the NL Business Coalition.

If you have any questions or comments please contact any member of the committee.

Master Specification Task Force

CENL holds two (2) seats on the Master Specification Task Force. The mandate of this Task Force is to maintain and update the Master Specification as produced by the Provincial Government.

Currently, the positions on the Task Force are:

2 CENL Representatives;
2 NLCA Representatives;
2 NAA Representatives;
2 Engineers from TW; and
1 Engineer from Dept Of Education.

The Master Specifications are available on line at:
www.tw.gov.nl.ca/works/

This is an excellent opportunity for CENL to have a voice in what is contained in the Master Specification. It is important that CENL works to ensure that published documents such make sense for the Consulting Engineering Industry.

This is an area where we can ensure that Consulting Engi-

neering makes a difference.

The next meeting is Scheduled for September 9, 2009.

Please consider serving on this Task Force.

Contact Elizabeth Whelan Hollett for further details.

Member Firms:

ADI Nolan Davis

AMEC Earth and Environmental

Atlantic Engineering Consultants Ltd

BAE-Newplan Group Ltd.

CBCL Limited

EON WindElectric

Hatch

Jacques Whitford Ltd.

Kavanagh & Associated Ltd.

Newfoundland Design Associates Ltd

Newton Engineering 2005 Ltd.

Nova Consultants Inc.

QuadraTec Inc.

Rutter Hinz Inc.

Structural Design Inc.



H. Laban Davis, B. Eng. '75 1941—2008



Laban Davis, a long time member of CENL, was born in Glovertown on June 19th, 1941, to Hubert and Amy Davis. Soon after he was born his family moved to Clarendville, and later to Port Blandford, where they settled down.

Laban became interested in construction early in life, helping his father to build houses in his spare time, and working in his woodworking business. After graduating from high school in 1958, Laban moved to St. John's where he attended Memorial University for a period of time, and later worked.

In 1963 he married Ena Skiffington of Musgravetown. In 1965, they moved to Port Blandford, where Laban worked as the Managing Director of the family's pulpwood, logging, sawmill and planar operations which, by that time, had grown into a large business employing over 30 people.

At the age of 32, and with a family to support, Laban returned to University to finish his Engineering degree. In 1975 Laban began to live his dream of becoming an engineer when he graduated from the Technical University of Nova Scotia (TUNS).

Over the next years Laban worked in various roles as an Engineer with the Newfoundland Department of Transportation, Lavalin – Fenco (Nfld), and Sheppard, Hedges and Green Ltd. In 1981 he became Manager of Lavalin – MacLaren Plansearch Ltd. in St. John's, and in 1982 Vice-President of Lavalin – Fenco Newfoundland Ltd.

By 1985, however, Laban realized that the lifestyle he yearned was not to be found in the city life, but rather in his hometown of Port Blandford, where he could enjoy the many pastime activities which the nearby woods and sea offered. He moved back to Port Blandford that year to start his own Consulting Engineering company.

Over the next seventeen (17) years, through dedication and determination, Davis Engineering and Associates Ltd. grew from a one person operation into one of the largest Consulting Engineering firms in the Province, with a payroll exceeding 100 people at its peak.

Laban was very active in the Engineering profession and the community at large, serving as a Councillor on APEGN from 1994-1996, a member of CENL for many years, a treasurer with the Canadian Legion and United Church of Canada, and serving on countless other committees, associations and volunteer groups dedicated to improving the life of others. Laban was also very active in the local amateur radio community (V01HLD), as Section Emergency Coordinator.

After retiring in 2003, Laban and Ena relocated to Winterbrook, where they enlarged their cottage into a home, and enjoyed using their self-built sailboat. Ski-dooing, fishing, going to their cabin on Salmon Pond, getting together with family and friends, playing games of '120's' and enjoying his home made wine became a great source of enjoyment in his retirement years, until his sudden passing on Dec. 5, 2008.

Laban was known by all of his associates, friends and peers as a person of dedication, integrity and energy and a great ambassador for the Engineering profession, and will be greatly missed.

Ken Knight, Rutter



CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



ACEC NEWS

Promotional Video: ACEC Launched the HR Video Engineering Legacies in February 2009. We are planning to have a launch at our CENL AGM in June. If you would like further information on the campaign, Contact Susie Grynol, ACEC Director Public Affairs and Business Practices at 1-613-236-0569 x203. To review the highlight reel, visit www.engineeringlegacies.com and stay tuned for further updates.

Contracts Committee: Mike Hogan has volunteered to take a seat on the Contracts Committee to represent CENL. Hats off to Mike for taking this step to keep CENL involved at the National Level.

Procurement Task Force: ACEC is interested in having all provinces represented in the numerous Committees and Task Forces. The Procurement Task Force would be interested in a CENL representative. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Whelan Hollett.

Greeting from ACEC

ACEC is proud of its strong working relationship with the CENL, and were particularly pleased to have met with your membership in St. John's in November 2008. Over the past year, ACEC has achieved a number of notable successes that will have a direct positive impact on the consulting engineering industry in Newfoundland and Labrador, and throughout Canada. Some examples include:

- Working with the federal government on the development of the 2009 stimulus package, which will see over \$12 billion flow to infrastructure projects across Canada in 2009 and 2010. As requested by CENL, ACEC has asked the federal government to ensure that all stimulus-related infrastructure work be outsourced.
- Completing development of a youth promotional video, website, and presentation materials that will help ensure that consulting engineering is a career of choice, and that will help raise the profile of consulting engineers.
- Finalized updates to ACEC Document 31, the Prime Contract between Owner and Consulting Engineer.
- Actively promoted the adoption of Qualifications Based Selection (QBS) by owners as recommended in the InfraGuide Best Practices Guide to Selecting a Professional Consultant. In 2008, Quebec became the first senior jurisdiction in Canada to legislate the use of QBS. Work has also begun on a training program intended for procurement officers on how to implement a QBS procurement model.
- ACEC has acted as a liaison between CENL and other provincial associations to share information on wage rates, advocacy strategies, and the relationship with engineering professional bodies, to name just a few topic areas.

ACEC looks forward to continue working with CENL and other provincial associations to strengthen the consulting engineering industry throughout Canada. ACEC's door is always open - never hesitate to contact us with your thoughts or feedback.

Chris Newcomb, 2008-09 Chairman
Jeff Morrison, President

Member Organization of:



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www.acec.ca



CONSULTING ENGINEERS OF NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR



CENL — WHO WE ARE !

The Consulting Engineers of Newfoundland and Labrador is an organizations dedicated to the consulting engineering industry in Newfoundland and Labrador. The goal of CENL is to unite the local consulting engineering industry, to promote and advocate our common causes and defend our mutual interests.

CENL provides a strong voice representing the business interests of members. CENL provides a meeting ground for the consulting engineering industry with experienced knowledgeable professionals. CENL is an organization looking out for the future of consulting engineering in the province, the country and the world.

CENL is the affiliate of the Association of Canadian Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador. Founded in 1925, ACEC is a voluntary membership driven organization with over 600 independent consulting engineering firms and 11 provincial and territorial member organizations.

CENL — AN ADVOCATE FOR YOU !

Provides a forum for sharing experiences and exchanging ideas

CENL encourages competitive firms to come together to promote our industry and our common issues in a spirit of cooperation and friendship.

Unifies the voice of the consulting practice in our province and nationally

In client groups and government circles, a collective voice is much louder and more effective than a single voice. Our interests at the federal level are primarily handled by ACEC our national association. Together we get things done.

Enhances the image of engineers

Awards for special achievement by member firms provides an excellent opportunity for our industry and individual firms to celebrate the significant contribution our industry makes to society, the environment and the economy.

Offers business practice advice, standard agreements and training programs

CENL has taken the lead in helping bring seminars and workshops on the various aspects of the business of consulting. This practice can engage the young professionals in our firms and help with the sustainability of our industry.

Protects legislative and regulatory interests

CENL provides an effective voice for our concerns with all levels of government while protecting our anonymity on sensitive issues.

Creates opportunities for business contacts, partnering and marketing

CENL provides an opportunity to get to know others in the consulting engineering industry better and to develop relationships that might lead to partnering arrangements on future projects.

Promotes selection of consultants on the basis of qualifications

In a very competitive market with ever changing conditions, CENL is a strong voice for promoting selection of consulting engineers on the basis of qualifications as the best way to encourage innovation and reduce life cycle costs for clients.

Mission..... "To help our member firms be more successful"

New Members.

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