

BRANCH ANNUAL REPORT, Period Sept10 to Dec 31, 2010

Purpose: This Report covers the affairs of the Central Canada Branch of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers for the abbreviated period since the most recent Annual Meeting September 10, 2010 onwards until December 31, 2010. This aberration is due to the fact the Annual Meeting 2009 was delayed; the reasons for this are fully covered in the 2009 report that also covers a significant portion of 2010.

Branch Committee – as from Annual Meeting September 10, 2010:

Position	Name	Membership Grade
Chairman	R Vjih	Fellow
Vice-Chair	Vacant	
Past Chairman	VC Mathur	Fellow
Programme Chair	A Hamilton	Member
Hon. Sec.	P Apperly	Fellow
Hon. Treasurer	D Pigott	Fellow
Deputy Treasurer	A Smith	Member
USA Northern Rep	Vacant -	
Manitoba Panel Chair	FE Stock	Fellow
Ordinary member	T. Ponniah	Fellow

Branch Events:

Since the last reporting period, in the 3 months remaining we are pleased to report the following events:

We organized a highly successful Annual festive Dinner, attended by 50. The Speaker for the evening was Prof. Scott Menary, Physicist and Engineer, York University Toronto, and CERN, Geneva, who made an excellent presentation on “ Matter and Anti-Matter interpretation surrounding Big Bang theory.”

We also participated in a Professional Engineers Ontario Seminar: Nanotechnology, from microscopic science to health-care phenomenon.

IMechE Headquarters Support

The Branch has, as usual, been well supported by individual HQ staff during this period..

Professional Reviews

Tim Ponniah was up-graded to Fellow during this period.

Website

As previously reported, we are in the process of examining costs associated with equipping ourselves to be able to post webcasts of our Speaker events on our website to provide the benefit to all our members who are not able to participate by physical presence at such events.

Financial situation

The Branch Treasurer's Report summarises the current position, and will be available at the Annual Meeting. To help contain costs, we have reduced the number of physical committee meetings, replacing a significant number of meetings by teleconference. Also we have been using meeting rooms and auditorium facilities provided by some of our members.

Acknowledgements

I would like to express my gratitude to all members of the Branch Committee for contributing to CCB's success. We are blessed with a team of extraordinary talent. Also special thanks to:

Ivor Mansell who has left our committee, has been associated with CCB right from its inception more than five decades ago, really an inspiration to all of us.

VC Mathur, our Immediate Past President, for his unstinting support and pragmatic guidance.

Phil Apperly for being an extraordinary supporter of CCB, takes on tasks in a true spirit of volunteerism. In addition to being our Hon Secretary, he accepted the role of Interim Regional Chair, Americas.

Des Pigott our retiring Treasurer, for his many contributions over the years. A person of wit and an admirable sense of humour, his presence will be deeply missed.

Tom Ponniah despite increasing demands on his time as a self-employed entrepreneur, is always there to help out whenever required.

Tony Hamilton, for accepting the role of Programme Chair. A very talented professional, we are fortunate to have him on our team.

Andrew Smith for taking over Treasurer's role, a very talented addition to our committee. He has taken over his new role with energy and enthusiasm; we are fortunate to have him as a member of our team.

Ravi Vijn
Chairman
March 2011