



Guelph Engineering Society



Report on CFES PM 2007 at the University of Regina,
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1. Purpose of Conference

This conference was the Presidents Meeting for the Canadian Federation of Engineering Students. Its purpose was to share ideas amongst the Presidents or VP Externals from all of the schools across Canada, have executive accountability and get updated on the progress of the Federation.

2. Personal Goals for Conference

The original purpose of this conference was to introduce all of the Presidents from across Canada, to facilitate brainstorming and promote camaraderie amongst the schools before Congress. In light of this, my main goal was to get to know as many of the representatives as possible. I also wanted to promote the work being done with the Lobbying Committee, as the idea behind it was not supported by a number of schools. I also made it a goal to represent Guelph to the best of my abilities and voice my opinions when necessary.

3. Summary of Events

ACCOUNTABILITY/UPDATES

President:

Engineers Canada (formerly Canadian Council of Professional Engineers) is looking for a representative to work closely with the CFES. This will be like Manoj from the PEO. I think this is a really good thing that will help to solidify relations with EngCan. They will also be helping the CFES with a new marketing campaign.

At the Canadian Engineering Leadership Forum Summit in 2009, each of the member bodies will lead a theme, including the CFES. There will also be representatives from each of the bodies on each theme committee. The applications for CFES representatives to CELF were due on Oct. 12th, but I haven't heard anything since then. The representatives should have experience but still will have ties to their schools in 2009.

The strategic plans that were mandated for the executive were slightly delayed but still followed the spirit of the original motion. However, due to the late start on the strategic plans, they did not get distributed until it was too late

for them to be effective. Next year, they should be started earlier. A motion was made to that effect.

Vice President Finance and Administration:

The financial audit has been slow getting started because the auditor was MIA, but she is now on board to start on then audit in October. The final audit report will be ready for Congress 2008.

Membership fees will be due on November 15th with the cheque made out to the CFES.

The competition database should be online and public by November 1st. It will be built up as submissions are received.

The budget was presented but it was noted that it does not have to be officially approved as the constitution currently stands. The constitution has not yet been updated since Congress 2007.

Kyle is also looking into permanent CFES sponsors to help with funding for the services.

Vice President Services and Development:

There was a full update on the mentorship program, but then a motion was made to cancel it entirely. I fully supported this motion as the mentorship program was redundant and would have been too hard to set up logistically.

The national charity project for this year will be a cookbook. There will be a more in depth description later.

Vice President Communication:

The website is all over the place right now. The IT commissioner can't fix it the way it is now, so they are looking for a new graphic designer and a new system for sharenet. Documents are not online right now because there is no sharenet type system in place right now. Apparently they are going to hold to the December deadline to have everything up and running. There needs to be a way to get documents up and available in the interim.

The International Relations commissioner went to the SENZ (Student Engineers of New Zealand) AGM this year because they still have more they want to learn from us. Funding for this was not an issue because of funding from the IR's dean.

The e-bulletins have been sent out every second Wednesday, but couldn't be sent out in the summer because of work and internet related issues.

Summaries of meetings should be included in the e-bulletins.

There is some debate about the official languages for the International Engineering Competition. We require both French and English, but BEST uses only English.

UPDATES

Charity:

CanTraption is happening again this year. We should participate. Can find our information at www.eng.uwo.ca/ues/charity/. Should maybe look into starting right before Christmas and continue after.

The poker tournament at Congress is a go. We need to raise 150 dollars to buy in. This should be done creatively. Also, can we get prizes donated?

The cookbook will be happening soon. Recipes need to be submitted before Congress, but I am not sure how this is to be done. The shipping will potentially be covered by the CFES. EngSocs should buy in bulk to sell through their individual societies. The proceeds are going to go to the Tetra Society. It is a new technology, bio-engineering based charity.

Congress:

If you want to run a session at congress, the applications are due by November 15th. The damage deposits will be \$50. The website is up. All the other information is up there.

ProMag:

The current issue is not out yet because of layout and translation delays at ETS. It will hopefully be out by the end of September (note: it is not out yet). The next issue will be out by February or March. They are looking for a team of 5 editors from across the country. They are also looking for schools to sign-up as co-hosts for issues. There will also be a Congress edition of Promag and a new general manager by Congress because Bessam is graduating.

CEC:

The theme for the Canadian Engineering Competition this year is "Designing Global Change." Because of all of the restructuring, there are no official CEC documents. The organizing committee is trying to get as much feedback for these documents as possible. A new Canadian Engineering Communication Information System is being developed as a database to help with transition. They are also looking into multi-year sponsorship contracts.

REGIONAL MEETING

Connor wants all old CFES conference reports sent to him. Also, a database will be built for OEC competition ideas.

4. Evaluation

i) *Conference Organizers*

The conference was very well run. The accommodations were perfect for what the meeting required. The food was also very good, especially the steak. The sessions were well

prepared, although the scheduling posed the occasional problem. They weren't really problems though, because the breaks just allowed for more bonding amongst the delegates. The open mic session on the last night was a really good way to showcase each school's unique traditions.

ii) Delegate

I believe that I performed well as a delegate representing the school. I was present and focused at all sessions and voiced my opinions when I deemed it necessary. I became better friends with those delegates that I already knew, and became friends with a number of delegates I had not previously had the opportunity to meet. I also presented a series of haikus about The Stick at the Open Mic session.