

ASHRAE Ottawa Valley Chapter

Chapter Meeting #8 – May 15th, 2012 (17:30 pm)



Meeting Date:	May 15 th , 2012
Location:	Travelodge Ottawa, 1376 Carling Avenue
Attendance:	Total: 78
Theme:	History
Tech Session:	None
Table Top:	Longhill Energy, ASHRAE History Table
Program:	People Skills & Leadership
Speaker:	Benno Novak, P.Eng., MCP., Dip.BA
Prepared by:	Secretary Steve Moons

Tech Session - None

Social (17:00 – 18:36)

Business Session (18:36 – 19:09)

- President Stephen Lynch called the meeting to order, and spoke on the theme of History
- President Stephen Lynch welcomed members, and introduced the Board of Governors and the Executive.
- President Stephen Lynch thanks Rod Potter for his organization of the on-line registration and payment system
- President Stephen Lynch speaks about our new Chapter Director, Sandy Taylor, and how she will help take the chapter to the next level. In recent years we've grown from 40 people attending to 70, and 60K to 100K, so this step was necessary. He expresses his pleasure in the evolution of the chapter.
- President Stephen Lynch invites Aaron Dobson, the new History Chair to speak. Aaron speaks about how he is pleased to have accepted this new role. He will be taking pictures, collecting historical documents and asks that anyone interested in helping, or anyone that has items of interest contact him directly.
- President Stephen Lynch stated that the Program Chair is now open, and will hopefully be filled in the near future.
- History Chair Aaron Dobson introduces all the present Past Presidents. A champagne toast follows, along with a group photo.
- Membership Chair Adam Moons introduces new members for this month. They are Mr. Richard Leduc, Ms. Brenda Cleary, Mr. D. B. Bell, Mr. Andrew Stevenson and Dr. Wahiba Yaici.
- Secretary Steve Moons introduces the guests for the evening.
- Longhill Energy speaks to their table top, CGC Modular Chillers
- President Stephen Lynch asks CRC Co-Chair Dan Redmond to speak about the upcoming CRC. Dan describes the event, and stresses that this is a big deal for our chapter, and encourages all to attend. He also asks for any volunteers to contact him to assist in the presentation of the event weekend. Dan mentions that sponsorship opportunities still exist, and to contact Joel Primeau for details.
- President Stephen Lynch discusses the upcoming ASHRAE Golf Tournament, which is full, but promises to be a very good time.

- President Stephen Lynch reiterates that the theme of his year was “Year of the Volunteer” and thanks some individuals specifically for their help, including Joel Primeau for the technical sessions, Georges Maamari for his work on two seminars, Steve Moons for organizing the Bowling Social, Chris Healey for organizing the Curling Bonspiel, and Andrew Douma for organizing the ASHRAE Golf Tournament. He thanks Cathy Godin and Christine Kemp for their overall support, and thanks all other volunteers for their hard work.

Dinner (19:09 – 19:54)

- Past President Cathy Godin & Christine Kemp sell 50/50 tickets to benefit ASHRAE Research. The draw is won by Georges Maamari, who donates his winnings to ASHRAE Research.
- Nominations and Awards Committee Chair Bob Kilpatrick speaks about annual chapter awards. The Al Oakes award is presented to Mike Swayne. The Student Award, now named the Stuart Woermke Award is presented to Laura Creswell. Bob then thanks the outgoing executive and governors, and installs the new executive and governors for the coming year.
- New President Don Weekes thanks outgoing and now Past President Stephen Lynch for all his efforts in the year past. He discusses his introduction to ASHRAE, and describes the theme of his presidential year to be “Year of the Community”. He thanks his family and co-workers for their support. He encourages the membership to contact him during the year with any issues that may arise.
- President Don Weekes then introduces the evening’s speaker.

Evening Program (19:56 – 20:56)

- Speaker Benno Novak, spoke about people skills and leadership. His presentation consisted of bits of presentations that he normally gives as a larger seminar over a few days. He mentions that in our industry, we are often required to deal with other people to complete our work, and they require our input to complete their work. This interaction can be as a manager to a team, or as a member of the team. We are all well educated in the technical aspects of our training, but much less so in the “soft skills” that are required to help people perform their best. Motivation is key when managing a group, as well as knowing and interacting with the individual personalities in the group. Design professionals must learn these skills to compliment their technical skills to become effective in the industry.
- President Don Weekes thanked Benno for his presentation and gave him a small gift.
- Meeting adjourned 21:00

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