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FIE NEWSLETTER

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Dear members

In this newsletter you will see that your Council and especially our President have been very busy and this newsletter serves as a quick update on many important issues that are in hand.

PROPOSED CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ACT OF FIJI

Following the consultation meeting held on 12 October 2011 that was chaired by Ms Nazhat Shameem, the changes discussed in the meeting were incorporated in the document. The amended document was then submitted to the Minister for Works, Transport & Public Utilities on 15 November 2011.

The Minister thanked the FIE for the effort that it had put into the proposed Act and advised that his Ministry should be finished reviewing the submission by the end of November, following which, the Ministry will submit it to the Office of the Solicitor General (SG). Pratarp asked the Minister to advise the FIE on the changes that would occur to the document before the Ministry submits it to the office of the SG.

Attached is a copy of the submission that has been made to the Minister for Works, Transport & Public Utilities following the consultation meeting held on 12 October, 2011.

REVISION OF THE FIJI NATIONAL BUILDING CODE

The FIE has received a copy of a memorandum from the Office of the Prime Minister dated 03 August 2009 under the heading, "Cabinet Decision" on the subject of Ratification of Outstanding Health Bills and Reviews and Existing Legislations with a Cabinet Decision dated 28 July 2009 stating;

- (i) noted the need for new Health Decrees and the review of existing old legislations to ensure public safety and
- (ii) endorsed the Ministry of Health's efforts to progress the process for the final ratification of these much needed legislations, in consultation with the Solicitor-General's Office.

That endorses the necessary review and revision of the FNBC on which the FIE has taken the lead role.

A consultation meeting was held on 12 October 2011 regarding the review of the Fiji National Building Code with the stakeholders. In that meeting a steering committee was formed to coordinate the review of the Fiji National Building Code. A steering committee was appointed which comprised of:

1. The Fiji Institution of Engineers x 2
2. Fiji Association of Architects x 1

3. Ministry of Health x 1
4. Local Authority x 1
5. Ministry of Justice x1

The FIE has now written to the steering committee requesting names and contact details of their nominee from their organisation.

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that the following applicants have successfully fulfilled the various membership requirements and are now subject to objection period.

Professional:

Sandip Singh – Engineered Designs

Graduate:

Quincy Lee – Kramer Ausenco (Fiji) Ltd

It is required under the FIE Rules Section 7.1 (f) the name of each candidate appearing to the Council to be eligible for the election or transfer shall be notified to each member, published in a Journal or Bulletin of the Institution with an invitation to any member wishing to do so to record his objection. If an objection is received, such objection shall be reviewed and determined by the Council. If no objection to election or transfer is received within one month of the date of publication the candidate's name, together with a précis of the particulars on his/her application form shall be forwarded by email or post to each member of the Council.

WEBSITE

The FIE website is under construction and will be launched in the not too distant future. We will inform members once that is up and running

THE FIE COUNCIL

The FIE Council now have the following members

Mr Pratarp Singh (President)
Mr Richard Elder (Interim Vice President)
Mr Maurice Ruggiero
Mr James Raman
Mr Sanjay Kaba
Mr Satish Patel
Mr Sanjesh Deo
Mr Robin Palmer

Please note that all contacts to the Council must be made directly to the FIE Secretariat and not to individual members of the Council.

FIE SUBSCRIPTIONS

The expenses of running the FIE have increased considerably over the past two years with purchases of necessary office equipment and the CPD's and projects that we have been taking on. Workload has increased due to the FIE getting involved with various engineering based committees, the donors, Universities and Ministries and we do not see that reducing. The high court case against the FIE from a members firm has increased our D & O insurance substantially. We are extremely fortunate that the FIE occupies a small office within Entec. After occupying the office for a considerable time it was decided that FIE pay rent to Entec from July, but Pratarp Singh has kindly asked not to be paid from October since there is not much income coming into the FIE and expenses are increasing with the increased workload. Thank you Pratarp for your generosity to the FIE.

At the FIE Council meeting on 16 November 2011, your Council unanimously decided that the membership subscription for 2012 will remain unchanged. The subscription amounts are shown in the below table and become due and payable on 01 January 2012.

Grade of Membership	Subscription for 2012	Grade of Membership	Subscription for 2012
Fellow	\$500.00	Diplomate	\$75.00
Professional	\$380.00	Affiliate	\$200.00
Technical	\$300.00	Student	\$20.00
Graduate	\$200.00	Honorary Fellow	0.00
Associate	\$200.00		

FIE ANNUAL DINNER

Please note this is the second reminder on the FIE Christmas Gala Dinner that will be held on Friday 09 December at the Holiday Inn, Victoria Parade, Suva from 7pm-11pm. Our special guest is Mr. Knut Ostby, UNDP Resident Representative and Ms Nazhat Shameem, Consultant will be our after dinner speaker. Please note the ticket prices are \$40.00 for members and \$50.00 for non members. Please purchase your tickets now from Aarti Naicker on phone number 310 0343 or by email fiefiji@connect.com.fj or from the office of FIE before 25 November 2011. Please note that space is limited. The FIE office is located at level 2 Mid City Plaza, Cnr Cumming Street and Renwick Rd, Suva.