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FIE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2014

Presidents Message

FIE plays an important role in connecting Engineers with the wider communities. In recent month's there has been a number of meetings that demonstrates this. FIE was invited to participate in a multi stakeholder briefing from UNISDR on the upcoming 3rd World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Sendai, Japan in March 2015. This was held on 16 September and was attended by FIE President Warren Yee and Past President Pratarp Singh. The Australian Trade Commissioner to Fiji, Mr Adrian Weekes paid a visit to the FIE office on 20 August for discussions on issues of mutual interest and the possible strengthening of collaboration of Australian businesses with Engineers in Fiji. Daniel Cowley the Project Manager – Micro Projects Program of The South Pacific Commission paid a courtesy call on 4 September to introduce their community based micro based project scheme that will require engineering skills in their appraisal committee and for discussions on how engineers can play a role in these projects.

FIE has also been invited to consultations in November with the Ministry of Industry and Trade on the Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations (Pacer Plus) on an audit of Fiji's regulations with respect to services and investments.

New Membership interest continues to be strong and FIE is looking at expanding its reach amongst engineers in Fiji. As an exercise, we would like to collect data on the various positions that Engineers and FIE members are holding on Statutory, Government, Non Governmental and Community Organisation Boards of Directors. Every now and then FIE is asked for its input into nomination and or recommendations on appointment to Board positions and this exercise would give us a greater feel of the role that Engineers play in the wider community.

On regional news, the long time CEO of IPENZ Dr Andrew Cleveland left IPENZ on 5 September and takes up a new position as Chief Executive of the Royal Society of New Zealand. On behalf of FIE we wish Andrew all the best and remain grateful for the leading role he has played over the years in the setting up of the South Pacific Engineers Association (SPEA) of which our past FIE President Pratarp Singh is the current President. The SPEA secretariat has relocated from the IPENZ office in Wellington to the office of SPC in Suva.

I look forward to meeting you all at the annual dinner on the 21st of November where we will also formally introduce recently appointed new members of FIE.

On behalf of the Council and Executive Committee of FIE I would like to wish all members a happy Diwali and a prosperous new year.

Warren Yee BE (Mech), MFIE, M.I.PES. M.AIRAH, MIE Aust, CP Eng (Aust), NPER (Mech), MIPENZ
President, FIE

FIE Annual Dinner Night

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Dinner will be held on Friday 21st November, 2014 and would like to sincerely ask members and non-members to attend to make it a successful night.

VENUE: SAFFRON & MAMACITA RESTAURANTS IN DAMODAR CITY

DATE: FRIDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2014

TIME: 7PM—11PM

INCLUDES: 3 COURSE MEAL & DRINKS (LIMITED)

THEME COLOUR: RED & BLACK

TICKET PRICE: \$50.00 (Tickets will be on sale from November 2014)

Current Council Members

The 2014 Council Members are as follows:

President – Warren Yee

Vice President – Shivas Singh

Secretary / Treasurer – Nathan Kirk

Five Elected Council Members:

1. Anil Kapadia
2. Sanjay Kaba
3. James Raman
4. Terence Erasito
5. Vijay Krishnan

Ordinary Council Members:

(Technical/Associate/Affiliates)

1. Stephen Hallacy

(Diplomate/Gradates/Students)

2. Angela Waradi

MEMBERSHIP

We are pleased to announce that the following applicants have successfully fulfilled the various Membership requirements and are now subject to a one month objection period from members.

Graduate:

1. Waseem Hafiz Khan
2. Ulaiasi Colaiwau Butukoro

Associate:

1. Alifereti Aubrey Gonerogo – Interview Completed

Technical:

1. Vineet Vishal Chandra – Interview Completed

Note:

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.