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## N.S.I.P.E. MEETINGS

**THE ANNUAL LOBSTER PARTY WAS HELD AT THE RESIDENCE OF CHRISTIAN & ANGELA HIRIART ON JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>. MANY MEMBERS AND GUESTS WERE ON HAND TO ENJOY THE WARM SUN AND TASTY FOOD. THE LOBSTER WAS SUPPLIED BY “MAYNARD-REECE”.**

**THE ANNUAL IPE GOLF TOURNEY WAS HELD ON AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>, AT CFB GREENWOOD. THE WEATHER WAS AMAZING AND THE MEMBERS AND GUESTS ON HAND HAD A GREAT DAY ON THE COURSE.**

**“NALCO” SUPPLIED A GREAT STEAK DINNER FOR ALL WHILE “ADVANCED ENERGY MANAGEMENT LTD” SUPPLIED POWER CARTS FOR ALL GOLFERS.**



IPE Director for the Maritimes Area, Blair Saulnier delivers his annual report at the 2013 Annual general Meeting in Ottawa

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## 2013 CHIEF'S CONFERENCE

This year, the Chief Power Engineers and Operator's Conference and Trade Show will be held at the Holiday Inn Harbourview on Wyse Road, Dartmouth. The dates are October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Although this conference is designed for the Chief's, the Committee feels it is time to consider inviting Operators who may aspire to become a Chief or Supervisor. Chiefs are encouraged to bring these Operators to the conference.



(ABOVE) An 18-cylinder engine attached to an 8.7MW generator during plant construction near Freeport, Bahamas  
(RIGHT-TOP) A new, natural gas-fired boiler in Halifax  
(RIGHT -BOTTOM) Refrigeration plant in Halifax

## MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 1023

October NS Chief's Conference

November Election of Officers

December No meeting

**All meetings are tentative at this time, details to follow. Please check the website**

## TOURS

Has your plant undergone a renovation, a new piece of equipment! Perhaps other members would be interested, then get in touch with us to arrange a tour, we are always looking for new places to visit. Contact Ernie at [secretary@ipemaritimes.com](mailto:secretary@ipemaritimes.com)







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### Area Directors Report (Picture on Page 1)

The 73rd Annual AGM for the Institute of Power Engineers was held in Ottawa in September and it was well received. The Ottawa Branch did an excellent job!

To give you a few highlights.....the Board of Directors have held off increasing dues for many years but needs to increase dues in 2014 as the association is becoming much more active now with many new initiatives. One of the things we are doing more of is communicating. With Bridge the Gap we have had members across the country “group conferencing” on a monthly basis for the past two years. Now the Board of Directors are going to start “telephone conferencing” on a regular basis as well. Bridge the Gap’s focus has been working with high schools, colleges, regulators and industry to determine the needs and shortages in education/training for Power Engineering. Now that some of these needs have been uncovered they need to be addressed.

- Programs are being developed and a video is being made to promote Power Engineering and encourage more youth to become Power Engineers.
- We need to enhance services by giving access to “practice exams” for I.P.E. members to help enable progress to the Second and First Class certification.
- Collaboration Days are being held. This where is the I.P.E. hosts a gathering of colleges, industry and the Safety Authorities to find solutions.
- The I.P.E. has positioned itself to recommend changes to the National Occupational Classification (NOC) to ensure the term “Power Engineer” is properly defined and used throughout Canada.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Practical Skills Record Books are now being prepared for publication. The adoption of the Practical Skills Record by Provincial Safety Authorities for recognition of firing time has occurred and will be promoted across Canada.
- Student Chapters are being developed and efforts are underway to better support these chapters.
- An effort to have I.P.E. representatives attend all conferences where Power Engineering is discussed is underway.
- We will need some help with brand management including the creation of a marketing package now that we have updated our logo and need to work to control its use.
- We will be collaborating with IPECC and SOPEEC on the 2014 IPE AGM in June at Vancouver.

So as you can see things at a National level have increased drastically and will continue to do so but as these initiatives along with others continue to develop expenses will go up but so should membership and our voice!

Respectfully Submitted,

Blair Saulnier, PE

Nova Scotia Area Director

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