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2015 National Institute of Power Engineers Convention and Annual

General Meeting Report

The Nova Scotia Branch of the Institute of Power Engineers was extremely grateful to be given the opportunity to host the 75th anniversary convention and annual general meeting of the IPE. The branch last hosted the annual convention in 2008. We learned a great deal from that opportunity which we could apply to hosting this significant milestone event.

The 2015 annual convention and AGM was held in conjunction with the annual Nova Scotia Chief Power Engineer and Chief Operator Conference from September 16th – 19th, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Harbourview in Dartmouth. The two and one-half days of technical presentations and a one day trade show were attended by a combined registration of close to 85 Chief Engineers, provincial Boiler and Pressure Equipment (BPE) inspectors, and IPE members.

As the chairperson of the organizing committee I would be remiss if I didn't thank the large number of supporters that are required to make an event like this happen and be successful at all levels. With that in mind I will start by thanking the IPE members, and our national IPE executive, who took time from their busy schedules to travel to Dartmouth from all across our great country to learn, network and celebrate with us in securing the future of our profession.

This event was fully supported by our provincial regulating body, the Nova Scotia Department of Labour and Advanced Education, through the attendance of their BPE inspectors and also through technical presentations reflecting their findings and ongoing concerns in carrying out their day to day duties.

A large thank you has to go out to our local corporate sponsors for their financial support as well as their ongoing support of the activities of the NS Branch. This event is successful thanks to your continued support.

Without the diligence and hard work of Neil Oldreive, our trade show coordinator and event program administrator, our most successful trade show to date would not take place. To all of those companies that participated, both local and national, I hope that your day with us was successful and that you know that your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to the staff at Hefler Energy who shared with us their new biomass cogeneration plant. Blair Saulnier, Dan Wagner, Clayton White and Kevin Smith took time out of their day to share their experiences in the construction, commissioning and operating of their new plant and the challenges that were encountered.

Our hospitality suite was a huge success and was only made possible with the generous sponsorship of NALCO and Labatt Breweries, Clarke Project Support Inc. and the NS IPE Branch. To those members of the organizing committee who took the time to ensure that all of our guests were comfortable, I offer my sincerest gratitude.

On a personal note, I would like to thank the staff at the Holiday Inn Harbourview and Murphy's The Cable Wharf for their assistance and cooperation in ensuring that our conference, convention and AGM ran without any issues and that we had an enjoyable lobster supper and harbour cruise and dinner on the Halifax Harbour waterfront.

On our last night together at the President's Ball perhaps the crowning achievement for the NS Branch Organizing Committee was to be present when our branch president, Jude Rankin, received the G.W. Childs award. This is the highest award offered by the national executive and is reflective of a member's commitment to the Institute of Power Engineers on both a provincial and national level. For those of us who know Jude we cannot think of a more deserving recipient. Congratulations Jude on your well-deserved honour.

On behalf of our organizing committee members Jude Rankin, Earl McMullin, Ernie Clarke, Angela Hiriart, Blair Saulnier, Neil Oldreive, Mark Boudreau, Jim Reid, Mike Gillis, Clayton White and the continued support of Greg Sutcliffe we extend our deepest gratitude to all of you who have supported the NS Branch of the Institute of Power Engineers in the hosting of this event.

Sincerely,

David Horne, PE

Organizing Committee Chairperson

NS IPE Branch Secretary



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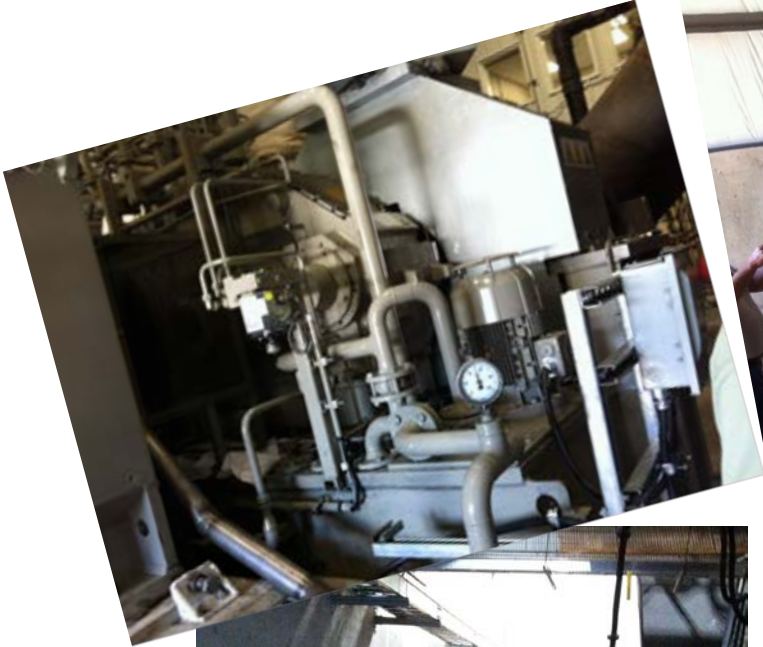
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Jude Rankin is presented with the W.G. Childs Award by IPE National President Eric Steinson

Jude Rankin was honoured in a ceremony on September 19, 2015 at the National Institute of Power Engineers 75th Annual Convention held in Dartmouth. Jude was awarded the William G. Childs Award.

This is the highest honour bestowed on a member in recognition of

extraordinary service and it is to perpetuate the memory of a man who contributed many years of distinguished service towards the successful operation of the Institute of Power Engineers.

Operations Superintendent and Chief Power Engineer at the Point Tupper Generating Station, Jude has been a member of the IPE for 18 years. Jude began his career in the profession of power engineering in 1977. He has been employed by Nova Scotia Power since 1983. Jude devoted almost three years to the Stationary Engineers Board of Examiners for the Government of Nova Scotia. He is presently the President of the Nova Scotia Branch and Past President of the National board of directors of the Institute.

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