

Capital Communiqué

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING AND AIR CONDITIONING ENGINEERS

MAY, 1988

PROGRAM - MAY 17, 1988

Topic

Contract Bids and What is Required by Various Sectors

Speakers

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| A. Mrs. Terry Baldock | Administrator for the Ottawa Valley Bid Depository |
| B. Mr. Paul De La Chevrotiere | Regional Manager of Contract Policy and Administration for Public Works Canada |
| C. Mr. Jean Claude Lagasse | Quebec Bid Depository Systems |

Come one, come all. This should be a "must attend" meeting as these speakers will cover a very wide range of topics which should be of interest to all parties.

A short question period will follow the speakers.

NATIONAL AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR

A tour of the new National Aviation Museum has been tentatively arranged for Tuesday, May 17 at 4:00 p.m. The tour will feature the HVAC system and allow a peek at the collection as it is being mounted.

The museum is located on the Canadian Forces Base east of Rockcliffe Park. Access is off Hemlock Rd. near St. Laurent Blvd.

Please R.R.S.P. Peter Sauer at 997-7785 by Noon, May 17, to confirm that the tour is on.

Menu - "Straight from the Hip"

Roast Hip of Beef au Jus
Baby Roast Potatoes
Buttered Vegetables
Assorted Cold Cuts
French Crusty Rolls
Assorted Desserts

4:00 p.m. - Tour

National Aviation Museum

5:00 - SOCIAL

6:30 - 8:00 - DINNER

8:00 - PROGRAM

**PHILEAS FOGG, METROPOLITAN HOUSE, 99 BANK STREET
MacDONALD ROOM**

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

As we come to the end of our chapter year it is fitting to reflect a moment and look at our past activities. Due to a tremendous effort by all chapter committees we were able to enjoy excellent programs, technical sessions, seminars and social events. We were also able to plan and put in place everything necessary to hold the 1988 ASHRAE annual meeting in Ottawa. Many countries that have an interest in HVAC are expected to be represented at this conference in June. Yes, it has been a busy year! And it is not quite over yet.

You, as members, were part of the organization that made this year so special. Thank you for the privilege of serving as chapter president for 1987-1988. In particular, I wish to thank the board of governors for their assistance during my term of office. We are fortunate to have had such a dedicated group willing to work on behalf of our ASHRAE family.

Encourage the incoming board of governors by offering your assistance, your expertise, your enthusiasm. Join a committee, plan a meeting, attend chapter meetings, participate. Do your part in making our chapter grow during the next year.

Simon Jol, Chapter President.

SPEAKER RECAP

Mr. Claude Mercier, Chief Executive Officer of Encon Insurance Managers spoke to us on the subject of engineering liability from an insurer's point of view. His firsthand knowledge on the subject of professional liability was very evident.

Mr. Mercier noted that there has been a 700% increase in claim frequency on engineering liability insurance contracts since 1964. He finds this situation deplorable as it results in professional engineers practising their profession defensively.

Perhaps the most interesting statistic that Mr. Mercier brought forward was that more than one half the claims are due to post design problems such as site supervision, project delays and project over budget. The key to reducing claims is better communication between the engineer and his client. It is essential that clients be informed, in writing, when decisions must be made which will change something that the client may be expecting.

An interesting question and answer period followed the completion of Mr. Mercier's presentation. A transcript of these questions and answers will be found in the minutes of the April meeting which will be posted at the May meeting.

RESEARCH ACTIVITY

Have you made an investment in ASHRAE Research the last five (5) years? If not, please be generous when the 'Friendly Note' from Atlanta arrives in your mail box. In fact 26,407 members are part of this direct mail campaign so ... you are not alone.

Have you as a member made a contribution under your corporate name? If so you should be recognized as an 'Owner Donor'. It is possible that you may be approached again under your own name. If so state ... 'I am an Owner Donor and gave at the office'. Your canvasser will correct our listing to link your corporate donation to your name.

Reminder to canvassers ...

Please keep me informed on contribution results either by phone 733-9781 or Fax 737-4985.

Many thanks,

John Dugan.

REMINDER

Just a reminder to all those who have given their times to work as monitors to keep those days free. A letter and follow-up call will be coming to you shortly. If anyone wishes to be a monitor and hasn't been called, please call Doug Breckenridge at 728-0060.

SPECIAL EVENTS

GOLF TOURNAMENT 1988

Location - Loch March

Date - August 23, 1988 - Tues.

Time - 1 p.m.

Format - Shotgun

Price - \$25.00 - Dinner; \$25.00 - Green Fees

Total - \$50.00 per person

NOTE: There will be a Cut/Off Limit of (144) golfers. It will be a First Come - First Served, as cheques are received. Send your cheque made out to "ASHRAE - OTTAWA VALLEY CHAPTER" early to avoid disappointment. For more info contact:

Vic Gunhouse, 726-0541

FRANK'S FOIBLES

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A LEGITIMATE WAY OF GETTING A "FREE" DRINK FROM A PAST PRESIDENT OF A CHAPTER?