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*Help us build a better and stronger chapter. Voice out your ideas and concerns. Enjoy a great dinner while you get the year's overview or simply enjoy the night with friends and colleague. Join us at the AGM.*

## Annual General Meeting

**Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**5:30 pm – 10:00pm**

**Valhalla Inn**

**1 Valhalla Inn Road, Toronto, ON**  
(Hwy 27 and Burnhamthorpe)

We urged you to participate and exercise your rights to vote in the 2004 -2005 Elections of the CSIE Executive Committee. There will be a workshop on developing the Chapter's visions to help better serve and represent the members. It will focus on what the CSIE – Toronto Chapter can do to help "Raise The Bar" for the IE community in Toronto. Michael Stanley, President of BIA will be facilitating this interactive workshop. Michael facilitated various workshops at CSIE events in the past and have had a great number of request from the members to come back and host another workshop.

### **AGM Agenda:**

*5:30 pm – Registration and Networking*

*6:30 pm – Dinner  
Year Overview*

*7:30 pm – Workshop*

*8:30 pm – Elections*

*9:30 pm – After-Events*

### **Ticket Prices:**

Students: \$25  
Members / Guest / Non-members: \$30

### **Executive Board Positions:**

**President Elect:** Assist the president. Will become the President in the next year. (Open to members that have served on the board for at least one year).

**Treasurer:** Maintain budget, balance sheet and financial accounts, track revenues and expenditures, develop strategies to increase finances.

**Secretary:** Organize meetings, take and distribute minutes.

**Director of Communications (Webmaster):** Maintain csie-toronto.com website.

**Director of Newsletter:** Obtain articles, ads and sponsorship. Establish timelines, edit, produce and distribute newsletter, compete in newsletter competition.

**Director of Membership:** Establish timelines, maintain roster, recruit new membership, track event attendance.

**Director of Social/Community Outreach:** Organize events to increase the engineering profession visibility in the youth community.

**Director of Chapter Development:** Establish timelines, determine needs and suggest solutions, organize engineering week, activities, complete CAR form and submit to IIE.

**Director of Seminars and Events:** Establish timelines, organize annual student awards, chapter events and facilitate student involvement.

**Director of After Events:** Focus on enhancing the cultural experience for CSIE board and its members.

**Directors At Large:** Attend board meetings, provide support for events or initiative and special committees.

## President's Message

Dear members and friends,

It's almost over and the AGM is coming soon!!!

Before giving you a resume of the Chapter's activities throughout the year, I'd like to thank all of you that showed up at the 3<sup>d</sup> annual Wine & Cheese last April. The event was a great success with more than 50 people attended and got the chance to network with each other. Among the past president invited, Brian Bush, Elaine Rodrigues, Derek Lobban and Prince Kumar gave us a visit and we honored them for their valuable services for IIE and the CSIE Toronto Chapter. We were quite fortunate to receive the honorable visit of a great pioneer to this chapter, Mr. Lloyd Bittle, founding member of the first CSIE board of director. We thank him for his presence and for the inspiring speech he gave us about the founding members and the late Graeme Eves.

Our next and final event for this year will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM). The event will be at the Valhalla Inn on July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 from 5:30 to 10:00. Tickets are \$25 for students and \$30 for members, guests and non-members. You can register by going to our website or contact Jagjit Kohli. We will have a guest speaker, Michael Stanley organizing a workshop on how we can raise the bar for IE's in Toronto via CSIE. Also, at the AGM, we will be holding our elections to select the new board for next year. If anyone is interested in running for a position, please have a look at the roles and responsibility of every position shown on the front page and let us know if you would like to run for a position.

Here are some of the annual activities that the local chapter organized or participated in:

- CSIE Annual Conference
- Student Pub Night (with Uof T, Ryerson and Centennial)
- Spring (with keynote speakers and dinner)
- Wine & Cheese (a fun networking event)
- Student Awards Night
- Annual General Meeting

Just to list a few programs the local chapter developed or participated in the recent years:

- Out-of-the-Cold Program (Volunteer program to feed and give shelter to the homeless during the cold wintry nights)
- Engineering Week (Various science exhibits set up in a local mall to educate and interest everyone in the field of science, coordinated in partnership with OACETT)
- Career Development and Job Search Seminar
- High School Outreach Programs (presentation to local high schools to spread the word of industrial engineering)

Some of the services that the local chapter offered this year includes:

- Chapter Website ([www.csie-toronto.com](http://www.csie-toronto.com))
- Online registration to events with Paypal
- CAREER Section on our Website with Job Banks and Resume Postings

This year, the chapter has emphasized in two main areas: Social Outreach and our involvement with the Student Chapters (UofT, Ryerson and Centennial). We believe that by increasing our connection with the community and the students, we will promote IIE and the IE profession in ways that can only achieve positive results in the near future. All those efforts have not gone unnoticed, as we just received a Silver Award from IIE for Chapter Excellence. As an individual, my involvement with IIE and CSIE has been very rewarding and beneficial. I also hope that I've been able to convince and attract more and more IE's to get involved in this wonderful organization and reap the rewards IIE offers.

In conclusion, I'd like to thank all the board of director for their valuable efforts towards this chapter. I've enjoyed working with this group and will continue my involvement for years to come. I'd also like to wish Pascale St-Louis, our new President, good luck for her upcoming term. Pascale is a very dynamic person and I have no doubt that she will raise the bar even higher next year.

Best Regards and hoping to see all of you at the AGM,

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Engineering Week Ontario

Building on the tremendous success of last year's National Engineering Week Ontario event at Woodside Square Shopping Centre where almost 1,000 students participated, the Toronto Region chapters of the 'Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists' (OACETT) and the 'Institute of Industrial Engineers' (IIE) came together again for another personally rewarding and exciting day for students and volunteers.

Various hands-on exhibits and workshops were presented for students between SK and Grade 12 to teach scientific principles and their corresponding technological applications and to encourage students to pursue careers in engineering/technology for the betterment of society as a whole. Fifteen different exhibits were designed to build upon each other starting with basic math, electricity, physics, and mechanics up to power generation, robotics, and electronics. All students left with souvenirs and some also with prizes along with lots of great memories upon which to dream.



Over fifty-five engineering professionals and students volunteered from all engineering disciplines making this an ideal opportunity for the over 900 students to

experiment, discover as well as asking questions about options in engineering as a career.

For more detailed information about the event or to volunteer for next year, please contact: David Rayburn, CET at [davidrayburn@sympatico.ca](mailto:davidrayburn@sympatico.ca).



## Join the 2004-2005 IIE Toronto Executive Committee

IIE currently has 114 active professional chapters in 16 countries. An IIE professional chapter is a group of IIE members in a specific geographical area. Chapters are formed by individuals who see the need for greater professional activity in their area. Membership in a local chapter, where available, is included in IIE membership dues -- there's no extra charge. Each chapter is operated by local member volunteers, who are elected by the membership in their area, and sets its own schedule for meetings, newsletters, and special projects. IIE's chapters are governed by the Networking Leadership Council.

### Benefits of Participating in Your Local Chapter

#### 1. *Networking with other industrial engineering professionals*

Each chapter provides a learning and networking environment. The chapter creates opportunities for establishing contacts with professionals from companies throughout their local area. Members can network with top industrial engineers, authors, educators, researchers, consultants, specialists and private industrial and commercial practitioners. This is an excellent way to share ideas and learn from your peers. It's also a great resource for career networking. Establishing relationships with other members in your profession can build a network that can be invaluable when considering a job change. And by maintaining a close association with your peers, you build the kind of friendships that will benefit you throughout your career.

#### 2. *Continuing Education*

Most chapters hold monthly meetings which may include speakers, tours, hands-on instruction or social events. Many chapters also sponsor seminars or conferences. These programs can increase your knowledge and keep you informed of new developments in the industrial engineering profession.

#### 3. *Developing Leadership Skills*

Serving as a chapter officer or participating on a committee is an excellent way to develop and strengthen your leadership and organizational skills. It's like on-the-job training, without the risk! You can improve your skills in delegating, meeting facilitation and motivation, just to name a few.

#### 4. *Serving Your Profession*

Participating in a chapter is a way to give something back to the profession. By working together as a chapter, industrial engineers can gain increased recognition and knowledge of the profession, provide support and assistance to industrial engineering students, promote the profession to secondary school students, serve as mentors to university students, and promote the profession in your community.

Please join us at the AGM to have an opportunity to become an executive at one of the following positions:

- Web Master
- Social Events Director
- Chapter Development & Sponsorship
- Membership Director
- Newsletter Director
- After Events Director
- Secretary
- Social & Community outreach Director
- Treasury
- President-Elect

For further details, please contact Pascal St-Louis at [pascale.st-louis@hbc.com](mailto:pascale.st-louis@hbc.com)

## Annual Student Awards Night

The Student Awards Night was held on March 31<sup>st</sup> to honour the hard work and participation of IE students in the IE community. This year's competition was in an interview format wherein each student shared their thoughts with a panel of judges (Don Powers, Carlos Tamayo, Kam Nagra and myself). Each student presented why they chose IE as a career, the benefits of being an IIE member, their achievements and their extra curricular activities and community involvement. One student from each university was chosen and presented with a plaque and \$100.

Daniel Yoon (Ryerson) choose IE because it paralleled his life of continuous improvement. We were then graced with Adria Wu (3<sup>rd</sup> year – U of T) says that "The greatest benefit IIE provides is the IE culture, with the network and resources widely available to you and the highlight being the national student conference."

Two more students presented, Jonathan Knowles (Ryerson), who says he was meant to be an IE, the most dynamic and diverse kind of engineering. He was followed by Dennis Woo (U of T), who I believe was born an IE as he says, "I chose to be an IE because of its cost benefit. IE is the wholistic view of engineering."

Next, Savindra Jayasinghe (Ryerson) was attracted to study IE because of its diversity, the perfect balance of engineering and business. Like the other participants, she has participated in the annual national student conferences and saw IIE as a great resource to her. Currently, the CSIE Student Chapter – VP of Academics, part of Women in Engineering Camp and recipient Dennis Mock Award for Student Leadership. Savindra was the chosen participant from Ryerson.

Last but not least, Martin Ho (U of T) chose IE because it is the macro process that leads to management. Currently, the CSIE President of the Student chapter and been highly involved with CSIE since first year. Academically, been on the honour roll for the last 3 years and received several scholarships. For him the best part of IIE is the conference, in which he led 84 attendees. The conference enhanced his leadership skills and gave him a great network. Martin was the chosen participant from U of T.

Congratulations! Keep up the good work!

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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine and Cheese @ The Arcadian Court

The theme this year was "Back to Our Roots: An Evening with our Past Presidents". We honoured some of our past presidents including Brian Bush, Elaine Rodrigues, Derek Lobban and Prince Kumar. We were also delighted to have one of our founding honorary member Mr. Lloyd Bittle, who shared CSIE's history with us. The night was a great success and the venue provided an incredible ambience for this networking event. Let's keep the spirit up and have another big turn out at the AGM. Thank you for coming out.



## Calendar of Events 2003-2004

August 2003	September 2003	October 2003
		UofT Pub night at Gabby's Thursday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> Membership Drive at Centennial College Thursday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup>
November 2003	December 2003	January 2004
Newsletter # 1 Ryerson Pub Night at The Ben Wicks Wednesday, November 5 <sup>th</sup> Career day at Centennial College Friday, November 14 <sup>th</sup> Membership Drive at Centennial College Thursday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> Fall Gathering (Keynotes & Dinner) Thursday, November 27 <sup>th</sup>	Newsletter # 2 Charity Event Date TBA	3rd annual Raptors Night with UofT and Ryerson Friday January 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2004  CSIE 24th Annual Conference - Concordia 2004: IE Frontiers January 29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup> , 2004
February 2004	March 2004	April 2004
Career Development & Job Search Seminar Friday February 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2004	Newsletter # 3  National Engineering Week Saturday March 6, 2004	3rd annual CSIE Wine & Cheese April 8 <sup>th</sup> 2004  UofT and Ryerson Student Award Night Date TBD
May 2004	June 2004	July 2004
IIE Annual Conference - Houston, Texas May 15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> , 2004	Newsletter # 4	Annual General Meeting Thursday July 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2004