

Heritage Committee

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The mandate of the committee is to research, document, and archive the heritage of the association and its members from design through implementation. We are interested in the impetus for and impacts of the work of its members.

The committee has continued to be very active over the past year, building a Wiki website focused on the work of our members worldwide. The site (heritage.apegm.mb.ca) went live in October 2013, with several detailed articles and many more introductory articles. Our hope is that there are people within our membership and among readers of the Keystone Professional who can contribute new articles or expand and revise existing ones. We are interested in the past but also hope that we can capture ongoing work (the heritage of the future).

To facilitate the creation of further articles, the committee hopes to use Member-in-Training or any other willing volunteers to work on literature searches (hard copy and electronic) in areas where the committee lacks expertise. This work will be mentored and eligible for volunteer credit.

We are collaborating with the Manitoba Historical Society on a project to document heritage bridges in Manitoba. The website curator for the society is a very welcomed new member of the committee.

The Faculties of Engineering and Education at the University of Manitoba have received approval to offer a joint Masters degree beginning in the 2016/17 academic year. One of the new courses that will be a part of this program will be an "Engineering for Non-Engineers" offering. One component of this course will relate to engineering history. This component will be delivered by having students select a topic from the Heritage Committee List of Projects, researching and developing a package relating to that topic, and placing that material on the Committee's Wiki site.