


2015-2016 India Members Chapter

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Comments: Provided in the following is a brief summary of India Members Chapter activities during the year from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

- Several informal discussions took place among a few members between June to August 2015 to explore the interest in forming an India Members Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba. These discussions led to the formation of a Steering Committee to work on preparing a proposal for an India Members Chapter for Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba approval.
- The Steering Committee consisted of Ganpat Lodha, Ramesh Gupta, Vaibhav Banthia, Jitendra Paliwal, and Nishant Dhruve.
- The committee's first task was to prepare a draft constitution. In a couple of subsequent meetings, the draft constitution was drafted, reviewed, and eventually finalized. In November 2015, the draft constitution was submitted to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba for review.
- Based on comments received from Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, the draft was updated and a news notice was sent to invite interested members to the first General Meeting of the proposed India Members Chapter.
- On February 16th 2016, the first General Meeting of the proposed India Chapter was held at Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba office. Mr. Howard Procyshyn, Past President of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba and Ms. Sharon Shankar, Director of Admissions joined us. In his opening comments Mr. Procyshyn rightly chided us as to what took us so



long to get together and formalize this general meeting. And we rightly wondered why it was so. However, looking around we saw such a gathering of young engineers and geoscientists that we knew we are at the right place at the right time.

In this meeting, the constitution was approved and the eight executives were nominated and elected unopposed. In the first year, four executives were elected for a one year term and four executives were elected for a two year terms setting the stage to elect four executives each year to facilitate continuity of 50 percent of the executive every year. In a subsequent executive meeting, three advisors were elected for terms of one, two, and three years each; again setting the stage for election/nomination of one advisor for a three year term every year. For the first year, two members were requested to join the executive for a one year term as overseers. The complete list of all the executives and advisors and their respective terms is attached as Appendix 1.

- Formal approval of the India Members Chapter by the Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba was received on March 30, 2016 thus creating a landmark and history for India Members.
- In an executive meeting on May 10, 2016 the following sub-committees were formed to facilitate and coordinate:
 1. Mentoring New Engineers/Geoscientists – Mr. Jitendra Paliwal
 2. Finance and Fundraising – Mr. Ketan Joshi
 3. Public Relations and Outreach- Mr. Vaibhav Banthia
 4. Upkeep of the Constitution – Mr. Ketan Joshi.

Each sub-committee was requested to invite one of the advisors to join as a member.

- The logo of the India Chapter was designed by the Chapter members and approved by Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba on June 1, 2016.
- On June 21st, 2016, the Chapter's first dinner meeting and technical presentation event was held. Ms. Lesley McFarlane, President of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba joined us as our Chief Guest and gave a very inspiring speech. In addition to the executive and invited guests almost 40 members joined the event. It was a great evening with pizza dinner, appetizers, and dessert.

- The planned future activities are as follows:
 1. Picnic at St. Vital Park, August 13, 2016
 2. Dinner and Technical Presentations in November 2016 and February 2017.
 3. Celebration Night Dinner in early 2017.
 4. Setting up a bank account for our Chapter.
 5. Work is in progress to complete Chapter's website.

- Members interested in finding out more details and/or to join the India Chapter are requested to contact Vaibhav Banthia at vaibhav.banthia@tetrattech.com.

- The following documents are appended to this memo:
 1. List of executives and advisors.
 2. Summary of Technical Presentations of June 21, 2016.
 3. Chronology of India Chapter Activities (Inception to June 30, 2016).
 4. Registered India Chapter members as of September 15, 2016.



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**INDIA CHAPTER OF ENGINEERS GEOSCIENTISTS
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EXECUTIVE ELECTED AT THE GENERAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016

RAMESH GUPTA	PRESIDENT	TERM 1 YEAR
JITENDRA PALIWAL	VP TECHNICAL	TERM 1 YEAR
VAIBHAV BANTHIA	VP COMMUNICATIONS	TERM 2 YEAR
KETAN JOSHI	VP FINANCE	TERM 2 YEAR
NISHANT DHRUVE	COUNCILLOR	TERM 2 YEAR
SILONI GOEL	COUNCILLOR	TERM 1 YEAR
ASIT DEY	COUNCILLOR	TERM 2 YEAR
CHELLADURAI VELLAICHAMY	COUNCILLOR	TERM 1 YEAR

ADVISORS APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE ON MARCH 16, 2016

RAMKRISHNA GODSE	TERM 3 YEAR
MADHAV SINHA	TERM 2 YEAR
RAO ATMURI	TERM 1 YEAR

SPECIAL ADVISORS / OVERSEERS

DIGVIR JAYAS	TERM 1 YEAR
GANPAT LODHA	TERM 1 YEAR

India Members Chapter - Evening Presentations

Date: Jun 21, 2016

Location: Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba office, 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, MB

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 for Chapter members, \$10 for Non-members, and \$5 for Students (PAY AT DOOR)

The India Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba presents:

Competing with Quality: What Engineers Must Do (Presenter: Dr. Madhav Sinha, P.Eng.) & Communicating Across Cultures:(Presenter: Dr. Jitendra Paliwal, P.Eng.)

Overview of Dr. Sinha's Presentation:

Quality is about improvement- improving things, making it better, providing better products and services, every day, all the time, consistently and continually. It doesn't matter the nature of a business or job function or, whether the business is local or global, manufacturing or service, healthcare or education, big or small, public or private, for profit or non-profit-quality has to be number one priority in every human effort. However, in the maze of arguments and daily disturbing headlines in media and newspapers, we lose sight of the fact that improvement in quality of work done by people all around, every day and everywhere, individually and collectively, would make the country and the world a better place to live – if and only if we all knew the importance of quality and make that happen. But, talk is cheap, walking the talk is hard. This is where engineers come in. Attend this lecture and find out what engineers ought to do to improve the systems of work and workplaces and bring about the needed transformation!

Bio for Dr. Sinha:

Dr. Madhav Sinha, P.Eng; since 1966 has pursued a varied career as university professor, quality control manager, research scientist and government administrator. He is the founding president of the Canadian Society for Quality, chair of the Canadian Quality Congress and author, co-author and editor of 10 books, including a textbook on quality management and three international journals. He has received 35 medals, honors and awards for his contributions in the field of quality and innovation.

Overview of Dr. Paliwal's Presentation:

In an increasingly globalized world where geo-political boundaries are fast disappearing, cross-cultural communication has become of paramount importance. Gone are the days when people who were born and raised in similar cultures did business deals locally. In today's globalized world, it is imperative that engineering professionals are aware of the cultural sensibilities of their business counterparts. Communicating Across Cultures takes a light-hearted approach to discuss what constitutes culture and what are the various factors that influence it. Several real-world examples are discussed to highlight the interesting scenarios and faux pas cultural differences have led to in different professional situations. This workshop will help engineers and engineering managers realize the importance of cross-cultural communication in a professional setup and provide them with some cues to interact more effectively when dealing with other professionals who are from a different culture.

Bio for Dr. Paliwal:

Dr. Jitendra Paliwal is a professional engineer, university professor, and motivational speaker. He has been volunteering his time with APEGM since 2007 and now chairs the Experience Review Committee. He uses his academic and industry experience to deliver talks related to workplace diversity, professional behavior, conflict resolution and work-life balance.

\tWhen & Where:

\t**When:** Tuesday, June 21, 2016

\t**Where:** Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba, 870 Pembina Highway

\t**Mixer and Dinner:** 5:30 PM

\t**Presentation:** 6:15 PM

\tCost:

\$ 10 for Chapter members

\$ 10 for Non-members

\$ 5 for Students

This event qualifies for 1 Professional Development Hour. The event is classified as "Informal Activity" under Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba's CPD Program.

No-shows will be invoiced. Cash payment payable upon admission. Members, guests and friends are all welcome.

Should you have any dietary requirements, please advise when registering!

» [Register Online](#)

Chronology of India Chapter Activities (Inception to June 30, 2016):

No.	Timeline	Activity	Comments
1	May – August 2015	Informal discussions on scoping out interest to form India Chapter	
2	September 3, 2015	Inaugural Meeting of Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work towards forming an India Chapter of APEGM • Preparation of a draft Constitution
3	September 21, 2015	Second Meeting of Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The draft constitution was distributed and reviewed by all
4	October 26, 2015	Third Meeting of Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The edited constitution was distributed and reviewed by all
5	November 21, 2015	Submission of draft constitution to APEGM for review	
6	December 8, 2015	Comments received from APEGM on draft constitution	
7	January 13, 2016	News notice about the India Chapter meeting through Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resulted in a lot of interest amongst Indian Engineers
8	January 21, 2016	Fourth Meeting of Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan for inaugural general meeting of India Chapter – Application, Consent Form and meeting agenda for the General Meeting • Update constitution based on additional reviews
8	February 3, 2016	India Chapter Webpage created on Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba's website	http://www.apegm.mb.ca/IndiaChapter.html
9	February 16, 2016	First General Meeting of India Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the executives and guests, 28 members joined us at the meeting • Adoption of the proposed constitution • Selection of the Executive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elected a total of 8 members to form our executive. ○ In the first year, 4 members elected for 1 year term and 4 members elected for 2 years term. ○ In subsequent years, 4 members will be elected to 2 year terms to facilitate continuity of 50% of the executive every year.

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10	February 23, 2016	Official request sent to seek Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba Council Approval of the India Chapter	
11	March 16, 2016	First Executive Meeting - India Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roles and Responsibilities • Proposed activities for the Members
12	April 8, 2016	Nomination of Advisors for India Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Madhav Sinha, Mr. Ram Godse and Mr. Rao Atmuri
13	April 13, 2016	First Draft of India Chapter Logo	
14	May 10, 2016	Second Executive Meeting - India Chapter of Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dinner and Presentation Event Planning
15	May 20, 2016	Advertisement of Dinner and Presentation Event on Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba newsletter	
16	May 31, 2016	Second Draft of India Chapter Logo sent to Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba for approval	
17	June 1, 2016	Engineers Geoscientists Manitoba approved logo submission	
18	June 21, 2016	First Dinner Meeting and Technical Presentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the executives and guests, almost 40 members joined us at the event, which included “Desi” styled pizza followed by two presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Competing with Quality: What Engineers Must Do (Presenter: Dr. Madhav Sinha, P.Eng.) ○ Communicating Across Cultures (Presenter: Dr. Jitendra Paliwal, P.Eng.)