

2016-2017 Heritage Committee

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Leaving the committee in the past year – Alan Aftanas. The committee thanks Alan for his participation.

The Heritage Committee aims to:

- Research, recover, preserve and protect the heritage of engineering and geoscience as it relates to Manitoba,
- Present our heritage to Association members and to the public of Manitoba,
- Work with other groups and organizations that have common objectives,
- Maintain the Heritage Wiki Site.

The committee meets its objectives mainly through the development of the Wiki site at Heritage.apegm.mb.ca. The site layout was enhanced over the last year by adding several new features to keep the site relevant and to provide more content. One feature pulls a few sample articles from our previous Keystone Professionals. The vintage articles provide context for changes that take place in different aspects of our association.

An “In the News Section” was also added to connect current events with historic reference material within our collection.

Our first extensive “Photo Gallery” was added to the site under the Kelsey Hydro-electric Generating Station with the addition of a collection of construction photographs from the late 1950’s and on.

The first two features will change over time while the “Photo Gallery” becomes part of the overall reference collection that will continue to grow and remain accessible for the future.

Check out the site and let us know what you think, contact us at heritage@EngGeoMB.ca.

This past year the committee mostly focused on the past but we also have our sights set on the present and the future. The committee began a “Heritage Corner” contribution and ran a couple of “Our History – Photo Contests” in the Keystone Professional to raise awareness of the growing heritage collection and to entice our members to contribute photographs so that we may grow the collection for use in the association’s upcoming 100th Anniversary Celebrations in 2020.

The committee does a good portion of its work by mining various paper records, on-line resources, libraries, corporate collections etc. The committee has also made several field trips over the last few years and this year was no exception. Several members of the committee undertook a six day long tour of northern Manitoba. The main objective was to visit the abandoned Port Nelson on the shore of Hudson Bay at the mouth of the Nelson River. Along the way the group visited over two dozen other major engineering or geoscience works on an “Engineer Was Here” road trip. Look for more information on the road trip on their Wiki site in the next while.

We encourage our membership to preserve your part of our history too in whatever way works for you or your organization. Our website is there for you to jump in and contribute. It is as easy as registering for a Wiki site access login and you could be well on your way to get your piece of our history into our collection. Likely many of you have published works highlighting your work and what a better way to leverage that content by sharing with the rest of our members through the Wiki site. If you have something that you think would be worthy contact us at heritage@EngGeoMB.ca

The committee membership is diverse in the sense of age and range of skills, but not so diverse in terms of professional discipline. We have lots of civils and specifically hydro engineers on our committee, hence there is more related content on our site but we are trying to expand the range of the content and are always looking for more ideas. There is a lone geoscientist in our group and no women so, help us to diversify and consider contributing in any fashion that works for you. We expect that you would find it both interesting and rewarding.