

## 2016-2017 Westman Chapter

The EGM Westman Chapter which consists of eight executive members experienced a busy 2016/17 season. The committee has organized numerous professional lunches that have encompassed a broad range of topics for all engineering disciplines. Some of the most notable presentations were:

- “Reliability Concepts & Practices” presented by Ashish Banerji from Koch Fertilizer.
- “Manitoba Flood Forecasting” presented by Peter Johnston and Erika Collet from the Hydrologic Forecasting and Water Management Division of Manitoba Infrastructure.
- “Challenges of Modern Agriculture” presented by Ron Rabe from DEKALB
- “Engineers & Professional Liability Insurance” presented by Derek Jonson from Oldfield Kirby Esau Inc.

The Chapter continues to approach Westman EGM members as well as other committee and schools such as CTTAM (Certified Technicians and Technologists Association of Manitoba) and ACC (Assiniboine Community College) to discuss future professional development sessions that would benefit Westman professionals.

The Chapter has been active in volunteering their resources and time to community events. Again members participated in judging the annual Westman Manitoba Science Fair held in Brandon. To help emphasize the importance of engineering to students, the committee implemented an Engineers Geoscientist Manitoba Award for this event. The recipient this year was Christopher Vauzelle with the project “Nothing is Good Without Wind”.

The executive committee setup a display booth at the Brandon Career Symposium which consisted of a spaghetti bridge building contest. The EGM Westman info booth is always a fan favorite and did not disappoint again this year even if attendance was lower than previous years due to a treacherous winter blizzard.

Recognition to EGM members who have helped volunteer and attend the Chapter’s events must be acknowledged. Without the continual support the committee would not be able to host as many CPD functions. Also thanks to the executive committee which consists of Kyle Cumming (Treasurer), Cory Vitt (Secretary), David Ford (past Secretary), Michael Maendel, Ryan Johnston, Ashish Banerji, and Brad Newton for their ongoing support and striving to make EGM Westman an active and successful chapter. An EGM Westman Chapter Annual General Meeting has been planned and scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup> to provide members insight on current and future activities.