



# President's Annual Report to Membership

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## **Saskatoon Engineering Society**

We had a great team of volunteers that helped carry out the duties on the Executive this year. My thanks go to the entire executive:

#### 2012/2013 Executive Committee

President Ross Welford P.Eng.
Vice President Jeremy Nelson P.Eng.
Past President Satya Panigrahi P.Eng.
Treasurer Satya Panigrahi P.Eng.
Secretary John Allen P. Eng.

Director Radhey Lal Kushwaha, P. Eng.

Director Rajeev Chadha, P. Eng.
Director Cathy Starkell, P. Eng.
Director Andrew Loken, P. Eng.

Director Helen Song
Director Rajan Kannabiran

Director Tim Makahoniuk
Director Rajan Kannabiran
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Ashok Thakkar

**Appointed Representatives** 

APEGS Liaison Councilor Doug Drever, P. Eng. College of Engineering Rick Retzlaff, P. Eng.

Student Representative Ellen McLaughlin / Booker Blakely

Sakeena Akhtar

The society carried on operations by the guidance of the executive committee, and instructions we had from our members.

# Important events from September 2012-August 2013

**SES Mixers** were held throughout the year at various establishments throughout the city. The largest event was the Christmas Mixer at Boffins in December. Attendance seemed to be growing at mixers this year. Thanks to Cathy Starkell for organizing the mixers.

# **Student Paper and Design Competition Night**

The 2013 Engineering Innovative Design and Student Paper Competitions were held at Marquis Hall at the University of Saskatchewan. This event is jointly organized by SES (Saskatoon Engineering Society) and College of Engineering (Univ. of Saskatchewan). Sponsored by SES (Saskatoon Engineering Society),





College of Engineering (Univ. of Saskatchewan), Office of the Vice-President Research (University of Saskatchewan) & APEGS. Thanks to Rick Retzlaff for organizing this event again this year.

## **National Engineering Week**

As a part of National Engineering Week, the Saskatoon Engineering Society was proud to host our annual 2013 ICE Event (Industry Celebrating Excellence) at the Saskatoon Club. A special thanks to Cathy Starkell for leading the organization of this event. There were more than 10 companies represented at the event with displays and more than 50 people in attendance.

## Mentoring

The SES helped sponsor a Saskatoon Engineering Students Society mentoring mixer.

## **Seminar Series.**

The SES organized three noon hour presentations at the Atrium Building in Innovation place. New this year we hosted two evening seminars, one discussing government funding of innovation and one describing successful management practices around the world. Both evening events were successful with over 30 in attendance.

#### Website

The SES website has been regularly updated to help promote upcoming events.

# **Professional Development Funding**

Another new initiative for the year was the formalizing of a way to help individual members in their professional development. The guidelines were set up so that members could be reimbursed up to \$500 for their continuing education. Although this has not been fully utilized, we hope that additional members can plan to take advantage of this funding.

## 2013 Awards

- SES Educator of the Year Dr. Jitendra Sharma
- SES Engineer of the Year Doug Drever





## **Members and Executive**

The increase in activity that the SES had this year would not be possible without the members that provided input and attended our events. Thanks go to the APEGS staff that support our activities and help notify members of our activities. I thank the members for the opportunity to represent them as President for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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