

■ ASSOCIATION NOTES

Tetra Society Honours APEGBC Support

At a luncheon held on June 21 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, APEGBC was honoured by the Tetra Society of North America, founded almost 20 years ago by Vancouver City Councillor Sam Sullivan.

Tetra was created so that persons with significant disabilities could work with volunteer engineers, technicians and designers to develop customized assistive devices for increased mobility, independence and quality of life. The society counts many members of APEGBC among its BC volunteers.

The luncheon showcased some of the more than 100 devices created in the Vancouver area by Tetra volunteers over the past 12 months, from cell phone attachments for wheelchairs to unique transfer lifts to special bicycles. The solutions are often simple but can change someone's life. In previous years, the Gizmo Awards celebrated these achievements in innovative design, a popular event that Tetra is in the process of reviving.

This year, Sam Sullivan (shown in photo with APEGBC Executive Director Anne Garrett PEng) was sporting a handy gizmo, essentially a hook on a rope that enables him to open doors for himself and for others. APEGBC congratulates Sam for receiving the prestigious Order of Canada for his tireless efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities.

Over the years, APEGBC has endeavored to assist the Tetra Society in any way it can such as sponsoring the Gizmo Awards, providing office space for monthly meetings, and donating magazine space to advertise for volunteers and increase awareness of this innovative program. This luncheon was an opportunity for Tetra to show its appreciation for APEGBC's contributions and to recognize other key funders, donors and suppliers in addition to its corps of volunteers.

For the aspiring innovative inventor interested in volunteering with Tetra, call (604) 688-6464 or visit www.tetrasociety.org.



Annual Conference and AGM Set for October 13-15 in Richmond

The Vancouver Airport Conference Resort in Richmond, BC is the setting for APEGBC's Annual Conference and AGM from October 13 to 15.

Take this opportunity to acquire and exchange information on some of the latest developments in the technical, corporate and personal development fields. Additionally, our social and partner events offer an enjoyable complement to the Conference's professional development sessions.

The Association's Annual General Meeting begins on Saturday, October 15 at 8:30 am. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend this meeting. There is no charge to attend the AGM business portions of the Annual Conference.

For more information on the conference sessions and social events, or to register online, visit www.apeg.bc.ca/ac2005. A print brochure is also available as a pullout in the centre of this issue.

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