

ASTTBC Members Meet in Victoria



ASTTBC Victoria Member Meeting

65 Members gathered in Victoria to get caught up on recent developments at ASTTBC and in particular to hear about ASTTBC's work to advance technology education and careers. Executive Director John Leech spoke about ASTTBC's recent Report, 'A Strategic Direction for Technology Education and Skills in BC', which maps out future directions leading to rewarding and sustainable careers in engineering and applied science technology.

ASTTBC Registrar, Charles Joyner spoke of contracts with the BC Government to further enhance ASTTBC's policies, processes and resources with a view to supporting and assisting Internationally Trained Professionals (ITP) as they build new careers in BC. Later that day ASTTBC hosted employers to lunch and a workshop in which ASTTBC sought input from employers on ways ASTTBC could assist in assessing and aiding ITPs with their integration into careers in BC.

John also updated members on the Joint Board with APEGBC and the decision to 'put aside' for the present the introduction of PTech in BC. "PTech is far from dead," said Leech. "ASTTBC fully expects the PTech will materialize in the near term as a new professional credential in BC along similar lines as in Alberta."

ASTTBC Honourary Member, Colin Smith PEng, FEC was in attendance and spoke with the members on linkages between APEGBC and ASTTBC. Colin was President of APEGBC at the time the proposed merger discussions commenced. The proposed merger of APEGBC and ASTTBC consumed about 5 years time with costs of about \$1 million for ASTTBC before the process was abandoned.