

ASTTBC Attends SPEAT Dinner-Connects with Minister Virk



ASTTBC connects with Minister of Advanced Education, Amrik Virk, at SPEAT dinner.

Pictured are (l to r): Geoff Sale, AScT, Manager, Internationally Trained Professionals Program; Prakash Joshi, AScT, Senior Technologist, Metro Testing; Minister Virk and, Tony Chong, PEng, APEGBC Chief Regulatory Officer and Deputy Registrar.

The Society of Punjabi Engineers and Technologists (SPEAT) annually hosts a social evening for its members and their families... and ASTTBC was a gold sponsor in 2014, along with APEGBC and other supporting stakeholders. ASTTBC member Prakash Joshi, AScT, a supporter of both SPEAT and ASTTBC, was instrumental many years ago in engaging with ASTTBC and drawing the two organizations closer. Since those early days ASTTBC has been a regular supporter of SPEAT and has found occasion where the two organizations collaborate in serving our common interests.

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During the January 2014 SPEAT event Minister of Advanced Education, Amrik Virk, was guest speaker. As Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, it is helpful that ASTTBC was afforded yet one more opportunity to connect with the Minister, and to demonstrate through the Association's actions and support of SPEAT, that ASTTBC is reaching out to the broader community to support internationally trained technology professionals as they look to make their home in British Columbia. "Minister Virk gave an excellent talk during which he referenced, at several points, ASTTBC and APEGBC and the work of the two associations," reported Cheryl Blachuras, ASTTBC Coordinator, Customer Service who was in attendance.