

Minister of Advanced Education Amrik Virk Poses at Georgies with CHBA, TRU & ASTTBC Folk



CHBA-BC leaders host Minister Virk, TRU and ASTTBC at Georgies. Pictured are (L to R): Neil Moody, CEO, CHBA-BC; John Leech, CEO, ASTTBC; Simon Howse, Vice President CHBA-BC; Lindsay Langill, Dean, School of Trades and Technology, Thompson Rivers University; and Minister Virk.

Minister Virk took time at the Georgie Awards to chat with leaders from the [Canadian Home Builders Association - BC](#), [Thompson Rivers University](#) and ASTTBC. "The Minister is always open to discussing issues with industry and associations, especially if the topic is skills training and the linkage between post-secondary institutions and the needs of industry," said ASTTBC CEO John Leech. "During our time together we connected on technology education and careers and the tie with the home building sector." Leech noted that March is National Engineering and Geoscience Month in BC and represents a prime opportunity to profile technology education and the contribution of ASTTBC members to the BC economy.

ASTTBC CEO John Leech talked with CHBA-BC Vice President Simon Howse and the Minister about tech careers and the need to draw attention to careers in Science, Engineering, Technology and Math (STEM). Leech also talked about ASTTBC's efforts to encourage First Nations and women to consider tech careers. .

CHBA-BC is host for the Georgie Awards, one of the best gala events in which ASTTBC participates. "We value the relationship with CHBA-BC and ASTTBC is now forging a solid working relationship

with CHBA-BC's new CEO, Neil Moody. On the ASTTBC - CHBA-BC linkage Neil said, "Since beginning my role last August I have been getting to know the many organizations with whom CHBA-BC has a relationship. In my short time with the Association I have come to value our link with ASTTBC and my personal connection with John Leech and look forward to cooperating on new initiatives."