



NEDAC News

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President's Message

The dream of a large number of NEDians settled in Canada has finally borne fruit with the establishment of NEDAC, an Association they can truly call their own. There are many social, friendship, cultural, and technical associations within Canada which are open to membership and have amongst them, members from the NED fraternity. NEDAC, however, is like an exclusive club which not only brings under one roof all of the above listed elements, but also provides a forum where NEDians can individually and collectively contribute to making their alma mater recognized as a premier seat of professional learning.

I would like to thank all the members who have reposed their confidence in the first NEDAC Board, duly elected after a transparent election process. We hope to live up to your expectations. We are in the process of formulating and finalizing By-Laws to ensure that NEDAC operates under a well defined set of goals and objectives and under sound and transparent management principles.

NEDAC belongs to you and we look forward to your active participation in our planned events and will welcome ideas and suggestions to promote its cause.

Dr. Zubair Ahmed, Ph.D., P.Eng.

NEDAC Board Members (2006-2008)

The Election Committee consisting of three NEDians, Mr. Zaheer Zuberi, Mr. Hussain Uqaili and Mr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan, had announced the results of first NEDAC Board for the term of 2006-2008 at the September 10, 2006 General Meeting. The following NEDians were elected to form first NEDAC Board:

- Dr. Zubair Ahmed, President (Civil)
- Mr. Mazahir Akbar, Vice President (Electrical)
- Mr. Syed Naseeruddin, General Secretary (Electrical)
- Mr. Tariq Usman, Joint Secretary (Mechanical)
- Mr. Muhammad Alim, Finance Secretary (Electrical)
- Mr. Muhammad Idrees Khan, Social Secretary (Civil)
- Mr. Fayyaz Siddiqui, Information and Publication Secretary (Civil)
- Syed Abrar Ali, N.E.D. Liaison Secretary (Electrical)
- Mr. Abid Asghar, Executive Member (Electrical)
- Mr. Muhammad Sharif Ahmed, Executive Member (Electrical)
- Mr. Ghulam Hussain Malik, Executive Member (Mechanical)
- Mr. Muhammad Perwez Alam, Executive Member (Civil)
- Mr. Sahir Zamir, Executive Member (Electrical)
- Mr. Sadiq Pirani, Executive Member (Civil)
- Executive Member (Vacant)

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“NEDAC’s key objective is to help NEDians who have come to Canada to advance their career goals.”

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Editor's Note:

Welcome to the first newsletter of NEDAC. We would provide you the latest news and information on technical and social events of NEDAC and Professional Engineering Licence and the continued professional development workshops and seminars organized by Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) and other local associations.

We would encourage our respected members to share their experiences through this newsletter with other NEDians living in Canada to develop strong communication that would help in developing stronger communities.

As time goes, our intention is to improve and refine the appearance of the newsletter. Readers should expect a newsletter that is easy on the eyes. Our main focus is that the content of the newsletter is delivered effectively. We would appreciate and are open to suggestions or comments, so please do not hesitate to send them at sapirani@gmail.com.

Thank you.

Sadiq A. Pirani

About our Organization...

NEDAC is a not-for-profit organization and its purpose is to create and nurture a lifelong relationship between the NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi, Pakistan and its alumni in Canada.

It is a clearly defined, members motivated and financed, non-profitable, social and welfare organization of the graduates of N.E.D. Engineering College / N.E.D. University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi and shall be run and managed by elected Board of Directors.

The Association shall strive to accomplish this purpose through a program of ongoing communication and recognition, providing valuable information in a variety of events and services to its members in Canada, and by encouraging a commitment to support and

participate in the NED University of Engineering and Technology's future.

The objectives of NEDAC are:

- *To promote interaction and closer contact among its members to achieve collective benefits for the NEDIANS and their Alma Mater.*
- *To organize events such as technical seminars, training courses and other informative events for members.*
- *To co-operate with other independent N.E.D. Alumni Associations around the world and shall endeavour to enhance its image among the sister organizations (local and international) with similar goals and objectives.*

NEDAC announces PEO Licencing Seminar

NEDAC is organizing this informative and interactive seminar on Saturday, November 25, 2006 @ 2:00 pm at location to be decided and disseminated via email. This is beneficial to all NEDians residing in Ontario who are thinking (or in the process) of getting Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) licence.

This seminar will cover these and other related topics in detail:

- Benefits of becoming a P.Eng.
- Academic and Experience requirements.
- Preparing Record of Experience for ERC (Experience Requirement Committee) Interview.
- How to prepare for the ERC interview.
- How to prepare for the PPE exam.
- Professional reference requirement
- What is Professional Engineer's licence?

MESSAGE FROM THE APSENA PRESIDENT

Dear NED Alumni,

On behalf of APSENA I would like to extend our congratulations to all the members of NED Alumni Association Canada for a successful election of your office bearers. I am honored and proud to be a NED graduate of class of 1984.

Mr. Javid Husain is our Executive Vice President of APSENA Canada and we can join hands to team up in our membership to effectively serve the mandate of both organizations. In doing so, we will fulfill the purpose of providing the vehicle of success to our fellow Pakistanis, who have chosen to reside in North America and will simultaneously uplift the image of our home country Pakistan.

Our foremost objective is to open up the lines of communication between the two organizations. I encourage APSENA and NED ALUMNI members, to respond to our call for participation. **TOGETHER WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

Farrukh Husain, President, Association of Pakistani Scientists & Engineers of North America (APSENA).