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Toronto Section

Not quite three months into the year, and seems longer. Always, all the best for 2020 and stay healthy.

Two years ago the Toronto Section moved from seven monthly meetings to 2 half day workshop with 5-6 speakers for each one. More speakers and less travel plus being a half day finishing by 12:00 if you wanted to leave, it did not cut into family time. This has been successful with about 40 attendees each time. We had planned one for this May 28 at the PetroCanada facilities but because of the current health concerns we have postponed it. We did have some good speakers lined up and will likely do a full day in the fall. Stay tuned.

The Toronto Section has been very active at some local universities. Behshad Sabah with PC has done a great job at Ryerson and George Staniewski has done similar work at TUO (was UOIT). We now have about 24 student members. Ken Brown also gave presentations to both groups and this is available on our website. It stressed how we need to do better to prevent tribological failures.

On other section news, Beshad Sabah (PC) will be our Chair for this year, replacing Jim Arner. Congratulations Beshad. Jim has done a great job stepping in for the last three years and he will continue to help the section.

If you can help or have ideas for the Toronto Section please let us know.

Hamilton Section

As schools, events, and other large gatherings are being cancelled in response to the emergence of COVID-19, the STLE Hamilton Section Executive have decided to cancel the March 24th meeting. We do apologize, but we do not want to put our members at risk or help the spread of COVID-19. We look forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting scheduled for April 28th

75th STLE Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Hyatt Regency Chicago | Chicago, IL (USA)

Due to the Coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19), the STLE 75th Annual Meeting & Exhibition scheduled to take place in Chicago on May 3-7, 2020 is POSTPONED. We are currently working with the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Chicago, IL (USA) to determine a suitable date to hold the event.

As the last few weeks have unfolded, it has become clear that STLE could not hold the 2020 STLE Annual Meeting & Exhibition in a way we could reasonably ensure the safety of all participants from the COVID-19. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by this disease.

In addition, on March 13, 2020 Illinois Governor J.B. Pritzker mandated that all events with more than 1,000 people be canceled or postponed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The Governor also encouraged event organizers around the state to consider canceling or postponing any gatherings of over 250 people to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through the details of rescheduling the event with the hotel, the annual meeting planning committee, presenters, exhibitors, sponsors, corporate members and attendees.

It is disappointing that we are not able to bring the world's Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers together at this time, but we are looking forward to announcing our future plans shortly.

Kind regards,

Michael P. Duncan

STLE President