



February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully your reading days/spring break/excuse-to-sleep-in-to-noon have been put to good use. First of all, on behalf of all of the executive, a hearty congratulations to all of the Western Engineering Competition competitors which took place in mid-January, and good luck to those that get to represent the WESST-ern region at CEC. Here are some updates with WESST as of the new year:

#### **What WESST Needs from You:**

**1) 2009 WESST Video**

This year, two versions of the promotional WESST Video are in production: the usual WESST-madness version, and another highlighting the more professional aspects of WESST. **If you have any pictures or videos of your students participating in your ESS activities in some way (like a charity event, a sports event, an annual engineering shindig, conferences, etc.) please send them to [president@wesst.ca](mailto:president@wesst.ca).** All credit will be given to contributors. If you haven't already, please watch last year's video titled "WESST Propaganda" on the WESST Facebook group and comment on what you would and would not want to see in the 2009 edition.

**2) WESST Executive Meeting**

The University of Alberta has now booked a hotel for the WESST EM to be held June 19 - 21. **WESST EM would like to know how many students are expected to attend, as well as their positions/roles within their schools.** Please send this information, as well as any other inquiries to Daryl Tran at [ddtran@ualberta.ca](mailto:ddtran@ualberta.ca). Additionally, **WESST EM is looking for speakers to run sessions, and photos from past engineering conferences for the sponsorship package**, so if you or anyone you know would like to run a session or have quality photos please include that in your email to Daryl also.



**3) Spring WESST Meeting**

We will be having our Spring WESST Meeting on Skype sometime in the first two weeks of March. **To register for the meeting and to state your time preferences, please visit:**

<http://doodle.com/participation.html?pollId=nkepgww2t2bv5et> .

**General Updates from WESST:**

**4) WESST Wiki: [www.wiki.wesst.ca](http://www.wiki.wesst.ca)**

The official WESST Wiki is online and ready for your input! Everyone is free to browse, but for editing privileges you can contact me at [vp-comm@wesst.ca](mailto:vp-comm@wesst.ca).

**5) WESST Website: [www.wesst.ca](http://www.wesst.ca)**

The WESST website is now updated with current, 2009 information. As always, you can find all meeting minutes and mail-outs posted in the "Documents" section. A new updated website look will be replacing the current design come May after finals. If you have any feedback or input on what you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

**6) Travel Subsidies Report**

A preliminary draft is in progress for the Travel Subsidies Report, with the final draft to be prepared after finals. A preview can be viewed on google documents; contact me for more info. This report is to be presented at the 2009 WESST Retreat at SFU.

**7) 2009 Budget**

The 2009 budget has been approved at the CFES Congress and is viewable on the WESST website. For any questions or concerns about the budget, please contact Morgan Tien at [vp-finance@wesst.ca](mailto:vp-finance@wesst.ca).

**8) Sponsorship**

Currently different sponsorship models for WESST are being reviewed, including one where sponsorship is shared for both WESST and WESST EM (although this would have to be implemented for WESST EM 2010, if deemed to be appropriate). For more information on sponsorship, contact Shahrzad Pedram at [president@wesst.ca](mailto:president@wesst.ca).



That should be everything for now. If you have any questions or comments, please don't hesitate to contact Shahrzad, Morgan, or I. Best of luck on all of your midterms and other engineering ventures.

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