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A STEP FORWARD

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A significant development affecting the stature and viability of the CSAE is on the horizon. Both the AIC National Executive and the AIC National Council have approved a recommendation that AIC membership be optional for members of scientific societies who can demonstrate membership in a provincial licensing organization for a profession other than agrology. This means that CSAE members who are registered professional engineers can individually choose whether or not to pay the additional fee to become a member of AIC. The provision is intended to apply similarly to others, such as veterinarians, or architects, provided that their profession is governed by provincial legislation. Under current rules, any member of an AIC scientific society must also become a member of AIC (if eligible).

Before this new procedure can be implemented, it requires final acceptance by AIC. Since it has been recommended by a committee, and endorsed by the leadership of the AIC, final acceptance should be expected. There is opposition, however, mainly from others who feel that it does not give them, too, an opportunity to opt out of paying AIC membership. I can only hope that our agrology-oriented colleagues are professional and responsible enough to support the procedure on the strength of what it is intended to do and not on what other problems or issues it does not address.

For CSAE members, the AIC membership option is a long-awaited privilege. As a principle, those already paying the costs of maintaining professional status as engineers, and supporting CSAE as their technical society, should not be expected to carry yet another membership. The seriousness of this feeling has been shown by the many former CSAE members who have chosen instead to relinquish their membership in CSAE entirely

When the extra cost of AIC membership can be waived, the CSAE member receives a financial benefit. AIC will have a loss in revenue, and CSAE will likely play a role in making up the loss, through slightly increased costs for services, for example. This is fair and the membership should be expected to accept it as such. Personally, I look forward to implementation of the AIC membership option as a key breakthrough in rebuilding the membership numbers in CSAE.

The membership change goes beyond its monetary nicety. There is a maturity here of professional stature and recognition. We are not, after all, an offspring of agrology. Our capabilities and contributions come from our fundamental training in and orientation to engineering. Our pride and uniqueness lie in choosing agriculture for the application of this expertise. Our historical dilemma was to have to relinquish more direct ties with engineering societies in order to work closely with our partners in agriculture. It is fitting that our professional difference is being recognized, while we press forward in carrying out our obligations.

CSAE senior member and past president Garland Laliberte initiated and promoted the membership change while carrying out his duties as CSAE representative on the AIC National Council. He deserves our sincere appreciation and commendation. It is an excellent example of the contribution that a dedicated and capable individual can make to his technical association, and to his associates.

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Dr. W.E. Muir accepting from President P. Barlott the Canadian Agricultural Engineer of the Year Award



Mr. T. Windt accepting from President P. Barlott the Canadian Sheet Steel Building Institute Award.



Mr. J.E. Brubaker accepting from President P. Barlott Fellow membership in the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering



Dr. K.W. Domier accepting from President P. Barlott Fellow membership in the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering



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Mr. K.J. Sibley, McGill University, presenting his award winning student paper at the 1982 annual meeting of the Canadian Society of Agricultural Engineering in Vancouver, B.C.

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