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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The Engineers and Geoscientists BC Richmond/Delta Branch serves over 1,800 registrants in the Richmond and Delta area. The Branch Executive Committee include elected representatives from key community partners, industry professionals, and the community at large.

The Branch Executive meetings are held regularly every second Tuesday of the month (except July and August).

The Branch is always looking for volunteers who can bring new ideas. We will continue to align with Engineers and Geoscientists BC's programs and initiatives and help the growth of our community. This newsletter describes part of our Branch activities in the second half of 2023. I hope you enjoy reading it.

Please check our Branch web page for events, newsletters, and other information here: (<https://www.egbc.ca/about/about-us/branches/richmond-delta-branch>).

Should you have any questions about the meetings and how you can share your ideas, please email: chair.rd@volunteer.egbc.ca. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts with me.

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Engineers and Geoscientists BC

JULY TO DECEMBER 2023

ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS BC ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM

The Engineers and Geoscientists BC Annual Conference and AGM took place at the Whistler Conference Centre in Whistler, BC.

As part of the Annual Conference and AGM, it was confirmed that branches will continue its operations until the end of 2024.

THE LAMBERT AWARD FOR VOLUNTEER SERVICE

We are proud to announce Dr. Abdolhamid (Hamid) Ghanbari, PhD, P.Eng., FEC, Richmond/Delta Branch volunteer, was the recipient of The Lambert Award for his longstanding volunteer services in 2023 from Engineers and Geoscientists BC. Hamid's extensive volunteer experience dates to 1999. He has a positive impact on many local and immigrant engineers and students, especially at the Iranian Engineers of BC Association (IEBCA) and Engineers and Geoscientists BC Richmond/Delta Branch, where he has served on the executive committee. His mentorship has helped many registrants find their direction, navigate the

professional registration system, and pursue meaningful professional engineering careers. He is known for his dedication, support, and commitment.

You can learn more about Hamid's contributions and experiences in [this video](#).



Dr. Hamid Ghanbari, PhD, P.Eng., FEC, receiving The Lambert Award for Volunteer Service from Heidi Yang, P.Eng., CEO of Engineers and Geoscientists BC at the 2024 Awards Gala in Whistler, BC.



THE 2023 KWANTLEN SCIENCE CHALLENGE

The 2023 Annual Kwantlen Science Challenge was held on Saturday, November 18, 2023, at KPU's Richmond campus. Approximately 300 high school students from schools across the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island competed in several practical, team-based, science challenges. Junior and senior teams of five competed in one-hour long challenges in the fields of chemistry, biology, geology, mathematics, physics and design.

Several volunteers from the Richmond/Delta Branch were on hand to help run and adjudicate the junior and senior design events. The Richmond/Delta Branch volunteers judged and presented awards to the best junior design and the best senior design.