

Dear Members and Friends of AREC,

When people ask me why I dedicate my time to AREC on the first place...there are three reasons:

**1.Because of the People**

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**3.Because of the People**

And I am very serious about this!

Any organization is just as good as its people. Over the years I have been meeting numerous Romanian engineers through AREC, a great „brain" treasure, with different professional backgrounds, working in different hierarchic levels, and with different interests.

But all of them have one thing in common: **They are very fine people! And I truly believe in the fact that Together we Are Stronger.** Together we can help each other to succeed in our careers, to build a better name for ourselves and our community in Canada, and individually to become better human beings.

I am looking in this room, where I know most of the people personally. You became my friends and my family here in Canada, since we all left a piece of that in Romania. In building this organization I had a lot of help from all of you and I would like to acknowledge each one of you, because you are great for the way you supported the organization whether by volunteering, by sponsoring, by spreading out the word about it, or just by being here tonight – and we know that for some of you either at the beging of your life here struggle and is not easy to add this dinner gala to the Budget. While we try to keep costs as down as possible, we want to keep this event at a high level as high as we all want to be regarded as engineers and professionals.

Without you this great evening would be not possible, and this evening is for you so... **Give yourselves a round of applause!**

AREC has more than 350 paying members in 2011 and with over 1000 supporters on our mailing lists it is growing daily!

We successfully opened the first chapter in South Ontario and this was possible only with the help received from a local group of enthusiastic engineers.

**Please join me and applaud the Executive team of AREC-SOC present here tonight at table number 9**

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank our executive members, past executive members and other volunteers, for all the great efforts they put in.

First of all I mention: **Mr. George Oprea, P.Eng.**, the Past President, for taking AREC through a successful course to where we are today and **Mr. Corneliu Chisu, P.Eng.**, founder member of AREC who is always ready to help and support our association.

**And here is OUR TEAM ready to serve you!**

Emil Caraghin, Vice-President

Miki Peres, Treasurer

Constantin Tigleanu, Secretary

Beatrice Kohlenberg, Director of Marketing

Sorin Alb, Social Media Coordinator

Antonia Protopopescu, Mentoring Program Coordinator

Our new Executive Team elected for the 2011/2012 mandate is ready to serve your needs by putting together programs for educational and networking purposes.

For the people that are for the first time here and are not familiar with AREC's program I would like to mention only a few of the successful activities that we organize:

- We have activities specific for engineers like:

- **How to become a PEO**

However, because many of the engineers chose to develop their careers in other areas, we organized activities for general interest, like:

- **Developing project mgmt skills and get certified as PM**

- **Opening a new business**

- **Meetings with recruiting companies**

We also started a **Mentoring Program**, and if you know engineers less than three years in Canada, please guide them to contact us. They won't be sorry!

**For the Upcoming events please check the Gala programme printed for each of you.**

**Also in the Gala programme please acknowledge and use the services of our sponsors.**

We do have vigorous and sometimes uncommon dreams, but we always have a clear vision of where we want to take our Association in the future to come.

So, what is this message for?

**To THANK YOU for making it happen!**

**To THANK YOU for your effort and your support to move AREC forward!**

**To THANK our sponsors for their generous support!**

Please continue to support us by attending our events and becoming members. Feel free to contact me or any of our executives and let us know what you would like us to improve.

**This is Your AREC. Get Involved!**

Thank you!