

Section News

Atlantic Section

2007 Certification School

Discussions were held on the date and courses to be offered. It was decided that we would offer Work Zone Safety, Signs and Markings Level I and Traffic Signals Level I if there were sufficient interest. The location will be in Moncton, possibly at the same hotel as the 2005 School, the Holiday Inn Express on Mountain Road.

There was some debate on the Work Zone Safety Course. Presently, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island have legislation for traffic control procedures for construction, maintenance, and utility operations on highways and streets. This is mandatory for all highway workers in both provinces and has been accepted by the IMSA as an equivalent to the IMSA Work Zone Safety Course. New Brunswick, however has no such legislation and students from New Brunswick will be required to take the IMSA Course. There was some discussion on how this could be changed, but, in the end, it is the responsibility of the Province to bring this forward.

Submitted by Kip Fullerton

Ontario Section

We've got a lot on tap for the coming year, notably the all-day format (with lunch) Spring Technical Session, Thursday, February 15th at the Brampton Holiday Inn. Members attending were credited with TARP points.

Mike Flanigan put on a Work Zone school, February 8th in Kingston as well as one in Burlington in March. There was a 170-Controller school held in Kingston in early March. A Certification School was held at the Burlington Holiday Inn at the end of March.

Forgive our web site in the registration area, it's the old "cranky" one from last year – we have the new user-friendly one all set to go, after the IMSA International office is hooked up to their new server, because we piggy back on them. If you're having trouble give Mike Flanigan a call, or talk to Carol (906) 842-9141.

Submitted by Jim Keefe, President Ontario Section

British Columbia Section

Certification School Request and Registration Now Online

At last, the long promised IMSA BC Online Registration System is now up and running at <http://www.imsa.bc.ca/Registration/register.html>

The Work Zone Traffic Control Safety Certification that was offered on November 29th and 30th of 2006, was the first time that the IMSA B.C. Online Registration system was used.

The Online Registration System permits visitors to the IMSA B.C. website to both request a Certification School that is not currently scheduled (due to insufficient participants), and to register for a Certification School that has a date and location scheduled. Since all of the updated Certification School information will now be available on the IMSA B.C. website, the online registration web page provides better access to both members and nonmembers in order to promote participation in IMSA and it's Certification programs. Unfortunately, we are not able to process payments by Credit or Debit Card at this time, but this is the first step toward that goal.

We also hope that the system will help speed up the processing of the applications by the International Office by ensuring that the applications are submitted with complete and accurate information. We would like to completely replace the FAX based system that we have used in the past with an email system so please be sure to use a valid email address that you check frequently as copies of your application(s) will be emailed to you for verification along with additional information, updates etc.

If you have any questions related to certification, you can email us at: certification@imsa.bc.ca.

Submitted by Graeme Kraft, Assistant Certification Chair



PHOTOS OF THE MONTH



This photo was taken on Sharpes Ferry Road, in Ocala, Florida.

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