



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Annual General Meeting
October 29, 2006
Abbotsford, BC

1.0 Introduction

Alastair Grogan called the meeting to order and began by thanking all of the sponsors for this years Annual Conference; Axis Insurance Managers, Dyno Nobel Canada Inc., EXRT Explosives and Rockwork Technologies, Golder Associates, Metro Blasting Inc., Micon Products Ltd., Orica Canada Inc., Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., Sphere Drilling Supplies, TRAXXON Rock Drills Ltd., and Western Grater Contracting Ltd. Without the support of our sponsors, it would be impossible to hold such a successful conference.

2.0 Treasurers Report

Dave McConnach presented the Treasurers report:

For the year 2005:

Opening balance	\$7558.02
Revenue	\$23,479.29
Expenses	\$16,137.21
Balance	\$14,900.10 (as of Dec. 31, 2005)

Dave reported that we have a total of 48 paid registrants for this year's conference.

Moved by Ron Elliott, seconded by Gary Kreller that we accept Dave's Treasurer's Report. Passed unanimous.

3.0 Membership Committee Report

Stan Holtby reported that we have a total of 45 paid up members for 2006. New membership cards were issued to attendees at the conference. These can be useful if you are required to show identification at the airport in the event that you are caught with traces of explosives on you, so keep your membership card with you when you travel.

4.0 New Business

Alastair Grogan asked if there was any new business from the floor. There was no response from the membership.

5.0 Chapter Scholarship Plan

Alastair Grogan presented some options for a proposed scholarship plan for the Chapter:

- Scholarship could be restricted to someone getting the highest marks in a blasting program at university or college level in BC or Alberta.
- The scholarship plan could be restricted to members with children attending university or college.
- Scott Parker suggested that we use the scholarship plan to send a member to the Annual Conference on Blasting & Explosives Technique. This could cost approximately \$4000.
- Alastair Grogan suggested we could award the scholarship to a student who presents a paper on blasting at our Annual Conference.
- Dave Hudak mentioned that he is in favour of sending a member to the Annual Conference on Explosives & Blasting Technique. We could sponsor one seat on the Blaster Certification course.

Alastair Grogan asked that we set up a committee of member volunteers to study options for setting up a scholarship plan and come up with a final proposal for a membership vote. Dave McConnach, Terry Matts, and Dave Hudak volunteered to serve on the committee. It was suggested that they could ask for input from the membership through a WEB poll.

Moved by Scott Parker, seconded by Alastair Grogan, that we strike a committee to make recommendations on setting up a Scholarship Plan for a vote at the next AGM. Passed unanimous.

6.0 Location for the Next AGM

A discussion regarding options for holding the next AGM took place. It was felt that we should hold the next AGM in Alberta. Moved by Dave McConnach, seconded by Dave Hudak, that we hold the next AGM in Calgary, AB. Passed unanimous.

Alastair Grogan suggested we form a conference committee to organize next year's AGM. Moved by Alastair Grogan, seconded by Lori Lovlin. Motion carried. Alastair Grogan and Lewis Clarke volunteered to form a committee.

7.0 Chapter Communications

Gary Kreller expressed the need to obtain a complete list of members email address so that we can improve our distribution of information from the Chapter to the membership. Use of email is the cheapest and fastest way to disseminate information. Email addresses can be sent to Alastair Grogan so that he can assemble a membership distribution list.

8.0 Election of Chapter Board of Directors

Scott Parker, as Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following proposed slate of officers who have agreed to serve for the next term:

President – Dave Hudak
Vice President – Stan Holtby
Past President – Alastair Grogan
Secretary – Ron Elliott
Treasurer – Dave McConnach

Area Representatives:

Yukon – Naresh Prasad
S. Alberta – Rob Slivinski
N. Alberta – Pat McLaughlin
BC Southern Interior – Dale McLean
N. Vancouver Island – Paul Jeannotte
S. Vancouver Island – Andy Wells

Government Representatives:

N.R. Canada – Explosives Branch – Simon Wong
Transport Canada – Doug Kittle, Josée Boudreau
Ministry of Energy & Mines – Steve Rothman, Ed Taje
Worksafe BC – Dick Shaw, Gary Kreller

Directors at Large:

Terry Matts
Len Henke
Jerry Silva
Lewis Clarke
Garry Heringer

Scott Parker asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. There was no response from the members. Scott then asked for a vote of the membership to elect the proposed slate. Motion carried.

Alastair Grogan asked if there was any other new business. There was no response. Moved by Gary Anderson, seconded by Steve Rothman that this years AGM be closed. Motion carried.