



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

June 22, 2006

Held at the Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd. Boardroom, Burnaby, BC

Present:

Gary Anderson
Lewis Clarke
Ron Elliott
Corry Goumans
Alastair Grogan
Stan Holtby
Doug Kittle
Scott Parker

Regrets:

Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Len Henke
Dave Hudak
Garry Heringer
Paul Jeannotte
Gary Kreller
Terry Matts
Grant McInnis

Dale McLean
Mike Osoko
Naresh Prasad
Dick Shaw
Jerry Silva
Troy Walker
Ron Woolf
Andy Wells
Blaine Wright
Allan Zdunich

1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Alastair Grogan opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the previous meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Corry Goumans, seconded by Scott Parker, that the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as read. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Next Annual General Meeting

Alastair Grogan reported that we have booked the Ramada Inn in Abbotsford for the next Annual General Meeting to be held the weekend of October 27-29, 2006. Alastair has paid the deposit to hold the reservation. He needs to be reimbursed. **Action – Dave McConnach.**

The size of the conference room is comparable to what we had in Edmonton, so there will be lots of room for Trade Show booths. He has already had two enquiries for trade show booth reservations from US suppliers.

Alastair has a contract proposal from the hotel. He will obtain a copy of the budget that Ron Woolf prepared for the Edmonton conference and adjust it for use for this year's conference. **Action - Ron Woolf & Alastair Grogan.**

We have set up the following organizing committee for the AGM:

- Technical Committee / Conference Papers – **T. Matts, D. Hudak, A. Grogan**
- Trade Show Committee – Chair **S. Holtby**
- Program Committee – Lewis Clarke & Scott Parker
- Venue Committee – Chair – **A. Grogan**

Some suggestions for possible conference papers:

- “Underwater Blasting at Centerm, Vancouver Harbour” – Lewis Clarke
- “Construction Blasting Applications” - Gary Anderson
- “Blasting Challenges on the Sea to Sky Highway” – Scott Parker
- “Quarry Blasting” - Stan Holtby to approach Brian Kirkness
- “Quarry Blaster Certification” – Ed Taje – Dept. of Energy Mines & Resources
- “Vibration & Air Overpressure Monitoring for Construction and Quarry Blasting”
- “Blasting Accidents – What Have we Learned?” – We need to ask Dick Shaw if he can do a presentation on this. **Action – Alastair Grogan**

We need to obtain a brief abstract for each presentation that we can use for advertising for the conference. **Action – Ron Elliott**

Doug Kittle reported that he will not be able to attend the conference this year, however, he has an assistant that will be interested in attending.

Tours / Field Trips:

- Gary Anderson suggested we include a tour to see one of the Tunnel Boring Machines in operation on either the Canada Line tunnel or the Capilano-Seymour tunnel construction. **Action – Scott Parker to approach SNC Lavalin or Bilfinger.**
- Another possible tour could be to Mainland Sand & Gravel to view a quarry blast. **Action – Alastair Grogan.**

Pre-Conference Blasting Course:

The ISEE Level 1 Certificate Program course will be offered to attendees on Thursday October 26th, prior to the conference. The course will finish on Friday AM, to be followed by the field trips to be held on Friday afternoon. Please mark your calendars.

3.0 Membership

Ron Elliott reported that membership cards have been prepared and will be sent out with a notice outlining the preparations for the next AGM in Abbotsford. – **Action - R. Elliott**

4.0 New Business

- Alastair Grogan announced that there is a “Call for Papers” for the upcoming ISEE conference in Nashville, TN to be held January 28-31, 2007 at the Gaylord Opryland Resort.
- There was a discussion regarding the blasting accident last week in which Mike Greer was killed. Our condolences go out to Mike’s family and we trust that the results of the investigation into the accident will be made public so that other blasters can learn from the mistakes that were made here.
- Doug Kittle reported that there was a recent trucking accident involving R&R Trucking who was hauling a load of dynamite. He will see if his assistant José Boudreau can do a presentation regarding trucking accidents in the explosives industry. **Action – Doug Kittle.**
- Doug Kittle mentioned that he is still involved with the project for evaluation of detonation tests on 1000-liter propane tanks. They are filming the blasts with high-speed cameras, video, as well as taking pressure sensor readings.
- Alastair Grogan suggested we look into holding regular membership meetings quarterly, on a weekday evening, with out-of-town meetings held on weekends. He is suggesting a minimum of two such meetings per year in addition to our Annual General Meeting. This would provide more value to our membership.
- Explosives Magazines:
Stan Holtby has learned from Terry Matts that NR Canada - Explosives Regulatory Branch intends to suspend all “grand fathered” magazine sites at the end of this year, forcing all companies to respect the current “Quantity Distance” regulations. This will shut down all magazine sites in Burnaby, resulting in a huge impact on blasting companies operating in the Lower Mainland.

Gary Anderson feels that the ISEE Western Canada Chapter should speak on behalf of our industry to voice our concerns with government intervention in the blasting industry.

Stan Holtby stated that we might be faced with having to go to centralized storage of explosives, with a requirement for continuous monitoring of the explosives storage site. This would result in increased trucking of explosives within the Lower Mainland and higher costs to customers.

It was felt that we should have a representative from NR Canada address proposed changes to the explosives storage regulations at our AGM in October.

5.0 Scholarship Program

Stan Holtby suggested that we look into setting up a scholarship fund in memory of Mike Greer. Scott Parker recommended that we contact Mike’s family to see if they would be in favour of this. We should also wait for the outcome of the investigation into his death before proceeding. Ron Elliott suggested that we set up two \$500 scholarships per year. Alastair Grogan suggested we set up one of these for a BC recipient and one for an Alberta recipient. Stan Holtby recommended that instead of limiting the scholarships to only Mining students,

we open it up to children of members, irrespective of their field of study. It was decided to table this for a vote of the membership at the upcoming Annual General Meeting in October.

6.0 Adjournment

Moved by Scott Parker, seconded by Gary Anderson that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors to be held at the Pacific Blasting Boardroom, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC on Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 5:15 PM. Mark your calendars! See you there!