



**ISEE Western Canada**



# Chapter

## International Society of Explosives Engineers

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**March 30, 2006**

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

**Present:**

Gary Anderson  
Ron Elliott  
Alastair Grogan  
Stan Holtby  
Dave Hudak  
Gary Kreller

**Regrets:**

Finn Conradsen  
Lewis Clarke  
John Fairley  
Daryl Fieber  
Corry Goumans  
Len Henke  
Garry Heringer  
Paul Jeannotte  
Terry Matts  
Grant McInnis

Dale McLean  
Mike Osoko  
Scott Parker  
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. Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Gary Anderson, 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. We need to send them a cheque for \$500.00 to hold the reservation.

**Action – Dave McConnach.**

Alastair has a contract proposal from the hotel. He would like us to prepare a budget for the Abbotsford AGM similar to what Ron Woolf did for the AGM in Edmonton. **Action Ron Woolf.**

We need to look into organizing committees for the AGM. Some recommendations:

- Technical Committee / Conference Papers – **T. Matts, D. Hudak, A. Grogan**
- Trade Show Committee – Chair **S. Holtby**
- Program Committee – Volunteers required
- 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

### **3.0 Membership**

Ron Elliott reported that membership cards have been prepared and will be sent out with a notice outlining the dates for the next AGM in Abbotsford.

### **4.0 Treasurer’s Report**

Ron Elliott gave an update of our Treasurer’s Report showing a current bank balance of \$15,400 with a total of \$13,545.83 in VISA charges having been processed from the last AGM in Edmonton.

### **5.0 New Business**

- Gary Anderson pointed out that the District of Burnaby plans on cracking down on the companies who store explosives within their city limits, as there is no zoning for this. There are at least 3 companies that have current NRCan licenses to store explosives on crown land within the city limits. Dave Hudak says that the municipality is within their rights to not allow storage of explosives within their boundaries. The District of Burnaby has given Metro Blasting notice that they will be blocking access to their magazine site on April 30, 2006 for construction of a new bike trail. Land ownership has been transferred from crown land to the District of Burnaby. Gary would like our Chapter to take a stand in defense of storage of explosives on crown land. Having to relocate explosives magazines outside the city will impose a great hardship on all of the local blasting companies.

Dave Hudak reported that NRCan has been considering revising the Quantity Distance Table to accommodate the storage of small quantities of explosives. Dave says that we need to look at the proposed changes to see if this will offer any help to Gary’s situation. He will report back to Gary directly on any final revisions to the Q/D Tables.

- Alastair Grogan reported that he had a call from the BC Dept. of Energy, Mines and Resources who are putting together revised regulations for Mine Blasters who will be blasting in quarries situated in urban areas. The new Blaster Certification requirements for urban blasting will be very tough for most blasters to pass.

- Gary Kreller reported that he had a meeting with the Dept. of Energy, Mines & Resources regarding certification for Avalanche Blasting in open pit mines.

- Alastair Grogan had a call from Arlene Chafe at the ISEE headquarters regarding the Level 1 Blaster Certificate Program. The ISEE is in the process of updating the program and the revised version will incorporate the Canadian Regulations. The new version will be ready for this fall. We could put on the Level 1 course in conjunction with our AGM. The updated workbooks will cost \$30-\$40 each. Alastair suggested we ask Jerry Wallace to be a facilitator for the training course. Alastair proposes that we put on the course on the Friday before the conference. This is a 10-hour long course. Terry Matts could be asked to help out with presentation of Module #8 on Regulations. Our Chapter would cover the facilitator's expenses. This would be advertised as a pre-conference event. If there is enough demand for the course, we could offer to hold it in other locations within our Chapter area. We would need to find someone in our Chapter membership who would be willing to be trained as a facilitator.

- Stan Holtby recommended that we hold training courses offering modules of the ISEE Certificate Program on a regular basis. We could split up the course and offer it as a service to our members. Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Gary Kreller that we offer this as a service to our membership. Passed unanimous.

The courses should be held on a weeknight. Dave Hudak recommended that we contact BCIT – Mining Engineering to see if they could provide a venue to hold the course. **Action – Ron Elliott.**

Stan says that we should look at having one Student Director to serve on our Board of Directors.

## **6.0 Scholarship Program**

A discussion was held on whether we want to set up a student scholarship plan with our Chapter. This would be directed at students in the Mining Engineering field. In BC, it could apply to students in Mining Engineering at UBC and BCIT. Dave Hudak will check with institutes in Alberta to see who offers training in Mining Engineering.

## **7.0 Adjournment**

Moved by Dave Hudak, 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 Thursday, June 22, 2006 at 5:15 PM. See you there!