



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Annual General Meeting
October 28, 2007
Calgary, AB

1.0 Introduction

Dave Hudak called the meeting to order and began by thanking all of the sponsors for this years Annual Conference; Austin Powder Company, Dyno Nobel Canada Inc., Golder Associates, Metro Blasting Inc., Orica Canada Inc., Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., Pinnacle Drilling Products, 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.

Ron Elliott passed out copies of the minutes of the last meeting for review. There were no errors or omissions reported.

2.0 Treasurers Report

As Dave McConnach was not able to make the meeting, Ron Elliott presented Dave's Treasurer's report:

For the year 2007:

Opening balance	\$10,916.20
<u>Revenue:</u>	
AGM Registration	\$7,566.07
Donation	\$40.00
Pay Pal Deposit	\$0.24
Total Revenue	\$7606.31
<u>Chapter Expenses:</u>	
Bank Service Charges	\$0.36
AGM Expenses (advance)	\$5,000.00
AGM Prizes	\$416.29
2006 Ramada Hotel	\$181.60
WEB Hosting Service	\$55.94
Total Expenses	\$5,653.83
Balance	\$12,862.68

Moved by Steve Rothman, seconded by Terry Matts that we accept Dave's Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimous.

3.0 Election of Chapter Board of Directors

As Scott Parker, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, was not present, Dave Hudak presented the following proposed slate of officers who have agreed to serve for the next term:

President – Stan Holtby
Vice President – Terry Matts
Past President – Dave Hudak
Secretary – Ron Elliott
Treasurer – Lewis Clarke

Area Representatives:

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

Government Representatives:

N.R. Canada – Explosives Branch – Bill McAuley, Rod Boulay
Transport Canada – Doug Kittle, Josée Boudreau
Ministry of Energy & Mines – Steve Rothman, Ed Taje
Worksafe BC – Gary Kreller, Daryl Mellquist
OH&S Alberta – Pat McLaughlin

Directors at Large:

Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Lori Lovlin
Jerry Silva
Mike Stern

Dave Hudak asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. There was no response from the members. Dave then asked for a vote to accept the proposed slate for 2008. Vote was unanimous.

4.0 Chapter Scholarship Plan

Following a review of the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, the general membership has recommended the following eligibility requirements for a \$1000.00 annual scholarship:

- Members with children attending university or college are eligible.
- Students from BCIT, UBC, NAIT, SAIT, U of A or other institutes in Western Canada with Mining or blasting related programs. Candidates to prepare a paper on a blasting related subject. The winner will be asked to present their paper at our Annual Conference.

Moved by Pat McLaughlin, seconded by Lorie Lovlin that these become the criteria for candidate selection, with the selection of the winner carried out by the Scholarship Committee (Dave McConnach, Terry Matts, and Dave Hudak).
Passed unanimous.

5.0 New Business

Dave Hudak asked if there was any new business from the floor.

- As a follow-up to the Blaster's Forum, it was moved by Pat McLaughlin, seconded by Dave Hudak that our Chapter form a Government Regulatory Affairs Committee. Motion carried. Committee members to be Gary Anderson, Ron Elliott, Pat McLaughlin and Michael Savage.
- ISEE Level 1 Certificate Training Program. It was generally decided that the ISEE Level 1 Certificate Program that was held at this years AGM was a success and is worth while pursuing for our Chapter. Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Steve Rothman, that the Chapter form an Education Committee to promote blaster training using the ISEE Certificate Program. A "Certificate of Attendance" will be awarded to participants in the program. Motion carried. The following volunteered to serve on the committee: Terry Matts, Lori Lovlin, Steve Rothman, and Ron Elliott

6.0 Location for the Next AGM

A discussion regarding options for holding the next AGM took place. Stan Holtby recommended we hold the next AGM in BC, preferably in Salmon Arm, Kamloops, or Kelowna. Potential tours for this conference could be:

- Tour of Orica's Detonating Cord Manufacturing Plant in Tappen, BC.
- Tour of the Highland Valley Copper Mine

The actual location and date for the conference was left to the new Board of Directors to decide.

7.0 Chapter Communications

Rob Slivinski mentioned that we need to improve our marketing/advertising for the next AGM. We need to start earlier with a distribution of information to attendees and potential sponsors. It was decided to take the following steps to address this:

- Ask vendors to insert one of our advertising flyers in their mail out of invoices to customers.
- Sponsorship letters to go out to companies well in advance of the AGM.

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