



**ISEE Western Canada**



# **Chapter**

## **International Society of Explosives Engineers**

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### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 12, 2007**

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

**Present:**

Gary Anderson  
Lewis Clarke  
Ron Elliott  
Corry Goumans  
Dave Hudak  
Doug Kittle  
Gary Kreller  
Rob Slivinski

**Regrets:**

Finn Conradsen  
John Fairley  
Daryl Fieber  
Alastair Grogan  
Len Henke  
Stan Holtby  
Garry Heringer  
Paul Jeannotte  
Terry Matts  
Dave McConnach

Dale McLean  
Mike Osoko  
Scott Parker  
Naresh Prasad  
Dick Shaw  
Jerry Silva  
Troy Walker  
Andy Wells  
Ron Woolf  
Blaine Wright  
Allan Zdunich  
Daryl Mellquist  
Warren Fulton

### **1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

In the absence of Alastair Grogan, Ron Elliott opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Doug Kittle, seconded by Lewis Clarke, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as read. Passed, unanimous.

### **2.0 Next Annual General Meeting**

- The next Annual General Meeting is to be held in Calgary, Alberta October 26, 27, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Possible locations are the Blackfoot Inn, Coast Plaza Hotel, Glenmore Inn, and the Deerfoot Inn and Casino. All venues have availability. The Deerfoot Inn is the most expensive. Rob Slivinski reported that the Deerfoot Inn is the newest. The Glenmore Inn is small. We need to go ahead and select

and book a venue ASAP. **Action - Dave Hudak.** Lewis Clarke needs confirmation on the dates and venue for posting on our WEB site.

- The following organizing committee has been set up for the AGM:

**Alastair Grogan, Dave Hudak, Lewis Clarke, Ron Woolf, and Rob Slivinski.**

- Lewis Clarke reported that he has a draft “Call for Papers” ready to be posted on the WEB site - **Action – Lewis Clarke & Organizing Committee.**

- A discussion was held regarding possible papers/themes for the AGM:
  - Doug Kittle will approach Dave Metcalf on doing a presentation on seismic blasting.
  - Doug Kittle offered to do a follow-up to the research project on “Vent and Burn of Propane Tankers”.
  - Ron Elliott will ask Buck Wong to do a presentation on “state of the art” drilling and blasting at Elk Valley Coal.
  - Ron Woolf to check if CFB Suffield can do a presentation on their blasting research studies.

We need to get commitments for presentations and videos by July 31<sup>st</sup> at the latest.

- Dave Hudak recommended that we have a reduced rate for students to attend the conference.

Organizing Committee to report on progress at the next meeting.

### **3.0 Chapter Communications**

Dave Hudak asked if anyone has had a chance to put together an email distribution list of all chapter members. Gary Kreller mentioned that he had sent a list of contact to Alastair Grogan. We need to ask Alastair to follow-up on this or re-assign the task to someone else. **Action – Ron Elliott** to follow up with Alastair and Dave McConnach on this. Dave also suggested we ask Dave McConnach and Stan Holtby if they could provide blaster contact lists. **Action – Ron Elliott.**

We should add an information request to the advertising flyer for the next Annual General Meeting for blasters to return their email contact information to Lewis Clarke so that the master contact list can be updated. Gary Kreller mentioned that we should target the managers of construction blasting companies to get the information out to their blasters. Gary also recommended that we send out advertising flyers promoting the AGM to the explosives inspectors so that they can distribute the information to blasters who are coming in to write their blaster certification exams. Dave Hudak said that he would prefer to make the information available by regular mail as well as email.

Doug Kittle recommended we get the information out to blasters by the end of May. **Action – Lewis Clarke**

Dave Hudak recommended we contact a computer specialist to set up our WEB page to be able to accept personal information into a secure database. Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Doug Kittle that we set aside a budget of \$200 up to a maximum of \$500 to cover the cost for a computer specialist to set this up. Passed unanimous.

#### **4.0 Scholarship Fund**

- Dave Hudak reported that he has been in contact with the following educational institutes in Alberta and they have all expressed interest in our proposed Scholarship Fund:

University of Alberta, NAIT, and SAIT.

Dave recommends a minimum \$500 scholarship, so based on the motion from the last meeting; a \$500 scholarship could go to two of the candidate institutions each year.

- Ron Elliott and Lewis Clarke reported that they were teaching at BCIT and the Mining students there were very enthusiastic about a possible scholarship program.

- Dave Hudak said we need to look at how we would make the funds available? We need to establish criteria for giving out the funds. We need to outline what qualifications are required. Will we request that Mining students submit a paper?

- Lewis Clarke agrees that students should be asked to submit a paper on blasting, or a blasting related topic to the Scholarship Committee. The winner should be asked to present the paper at our Annual Conference. We could even present them with a list of potential paper topics.

#### **Action – Scholarship Committee**

Make recommendations on:

- Disbursement of funds
- Criteria for the BC and Alberta scholarships
- In house scholarship to be two \$500 scholarships available to eligible siblings of ISEE Western Canada Chapter members, with names to be drawn from a hat by the Scholarship Committee.

Draft recommendations to be available for the next meeting. Dave Hudak will send out information from the committee by email.

- Moved by Doug Kittle, seconded by Dave Hudak, that we proceed with the award of the “in house” scholarship for this year.

#### **5.0 New Business**

- Doug Kittle reported that he will be approaching the explosives vendors to attend a TDG compliance workshop to be held late this fall.

- Dave Hudak reported that he has a new office telephone contact number (403) 352-7865

## **6.0 Adjournment**

Moved by Doug Kittle, 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, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007 at 5:15 PM. Mark your calendars! See you there!