



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

February 28, 2007

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

Present:

Gary Anderson
Lewis Clarke
Ron Elliott
Corry Goumans
Stan Holtby
Dave Hudak
Ron Woolf
Allan Zdunich
Daryl Mellquist – WorkSafe BC
Warren Fulton – WorkSafe BC

Regrets:

Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Alastair Grogan
Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Paul Jeannotte
Doug Kittle
Gary Kreller
Terry Matts
Dave McConnach

Dale McLean
Mike Osoko
Scott Parker
Naresh Prasad
Dick Shaw
Jerry Silva
Troy Walker
Andy Wells
Blaine Wright

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 Annual General Meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Ron Woolf, seconded by Stan Holtby, that the minutes of the AGM be adopted as read. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Next Annual General Meeting

The next Annual General Meeting is to be held in Calgary during late October. Lewis Clarke asked if we have determined a date and a venue for the upcoming AGM. Dave Hudak said that they are still trying to finalize a venue that can hold the conference. The dates of October 26, 27, 28, 2007 are ideal depending on hotel availability. This will be confirmed ASAP. **Action - Dave Hudak**

Dave Hudak has concerns with trying to get the seismic blasters out to participate in the AGM if it is held too early in the fall.

We have established the following organizing committee for the AGM:
Alastair Grogan, Dave Hudak, Lewis Clarke, Ron Woolf, and Rob Slivinski.

Lewis Clarke would like to get information for the AGM up on our WEB site as soon as possible. The first item should be a “Call for Papers” - **Action – Lewis Clarke & Organizing Committee.**

A discussion was held regarding possible papers/themes for the AGM. It was felt that we should contact CFB Suffield to solicit their support. They may even be able to put in a paper? Ron Woolf said that his brother works there, so he can follow up on this – **Action – Ron Woolf**

Ron Woolf suggested we target the open pit coal operations for support and a possible paper.

Organizing Committee to report on progress at the next meeting.

3.0 ISEE Certificate Program – Level 1

- Dave Hudak asked if we could issue a tax receipt for participants in the course? Ron Elliott said that we could issue receipts for the course, but that Dave McConnach would have to comment on whether these could be used for Income Tax purposes. **Action – Dave McConnach**

- Stan Holtby recommended that we hold the ISEE Certificate Program course in modules. He suggests doing 4 sessions per year. It may be easier to get blasters to participate if we put the course on in the evenings after work.

- Dave Hudak wants us to set up a committee to set up the training program. Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Ron Woolf that Stan Holtby be Chairman of the Training Committee, with Andy Wells and Paul Jeannotte as members of the committee. Passed unanimous.

- There was a discussion on how best to involve the blasters in the courses. In many States in the US, it is mandatory that a blaster shows proof that they have attended a technical upgrading course before they are allowed to write their re-certification exam. It was suggested that we approach WorkSafe BC to make this mandatory in BC. Ron Elliott mentioned that there is a similar requirement in place in Newfoundland. As we have representatives from WorkSafe BC at the meeting, we asked that they check with their manager to see if this is viable in BC. Daryl Mellquist said that they would follow up with their manager, Wayne Bingham.

- Daryl Mellquist stated that the WCB Blaster Certification is currently based on the initiation system type. They are studying revising the system to one based on qualifications, experience and competency as certified by their employer. The employer would be asked to send in a letter to verify a person’s character, experience and qualifications and state what confidence level they have in the blaster. The blaster would also have to pass the corresponding exam. This is a work in progress and we should see a rough draft on the revised certification procedure sometime in the third quarter.

4.0 Scholarship Fund

- Dave Hudak says that in establishing a Scholarship Plan, we need to answer some fundamental questions: How much? How many scholarships per year? Frequency? Once per year? Who can qualify? Do candidates have to be in the Mining field? Which institutions? SAIT, NAIT, U of A, BCIT, UBC?
- Corry Goumans feels that we should look at \$500 scholarships with 3-4 scholarships offered per year.
- Ron Woolf suggested we set up a \$500 scholarship for each of the institutes outlined above.
- Gary Anderson suggested we have a scholarship available to a student of a member, irrespective if they are enrolled in a Mining Program or not.
- Stan Holtby suggests that we make \$1000 available for BC, \$1000 available for Alberta, and \$1000 available for an in-house scholarship.
- Moved by Ron Woolf, seconded by Corry Goumans, that we make \$3000 available for an annual scholarship to be split \$1000 to Alberta, \$1000 to BC, and \$1000 for an in-house plan. The Scholarship Committee to determine which institutes to receive the monies each year. The Scholarship Committee to consist of Dave Hudak, Terry Matts, and Dave McConnach. Motion passed unanimous.
- It was recommended that the Scholarship Committee report their recommendations to the board at the next meeting. **Action D. Hudak, T. Matts, D. McConnach.**

5.0 New Business

- Lewis Clarke stated that he has had a request from Eagle Ridge Welding to post a link to their WEB page on our WEB page. Dave Hudak asked if the company is a member of our Chapter? They should have to be a member. Ron Woolf suggested we charge a fee for this service. We used to charge a fee for advertising in our Chapter Newsletter.
- Moved by Ron Woolf, seconded by Corry Goumans that we make this service available for a fee of \$25 per year, with monies collected to go into our Scholarship Fund. Motion passed, unanimous. **Action – Lewis Clarke, Dave McConnach.**
- Ron Elliott reported that on December 5, 2006, a delegation from our Board of Directors was invited to meet with Juri Kasemets, P. Eng., National Manager, Regional Inspection & Enforcement, NR Canada – Explosives Regulatory Division during his visit to their west coast office. Juri updated us on current activities within NR Canada – Explosives Regulatory Branch.
 - They have a Quantity Distance Committee studying current regulations.
 - There is an Explosives Storage Committee. Gary Anderson asked if this committee could look into his suggestion of allowing use of gun

safes for storage of explosives or detonators in small quantities. Juri said that these would have to meet the requirements of Type 12 magazines. Gary would have to outline what he would want to do and where it would be located, and how it would be installed. Special permission would be required from NR Canada before it is put into use.

- We expressed our concerns that we had heard that “grandfathering” of existing magazine sites was to be done away with. This is a major issue for many of our member companies. Juri said that current “grandfathering” is not going to be changed, unless changes to the surroundings occur. This could be due to encroachment of housing or construction of a new road, etc.
- Juri reported that a letter would be sent out to all stakeholders regarding the elimination of Type 6 magazines. Currently, they are looking at elimination of Type 6 magazines in BC by May 31, 2008 and May 31, 2009 for the rest of Canada. This time deadline may be subject to change based on any potential future break-ins to Type 6 magazines.
- Type 6 magazines will not be allowed on a zone licence.
- New fees will be based on a per magazine charge.
- Revisions will be published for comment in Part 1 Canada Gazette and posted on the ERD web site.

6.0 Adjournment

Moved by Gary Anderson, seconded by Lewis Clarke 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, April 12, 2007 at 5:15 PM. Mark your calendars! See you there!