



**ISEE Western Canada**



**Chapter**  
**International Society of Explosives**  
**Engineers**  
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Annual General Meeting  
October 27, 2008  
Vernon, BC

**1.0 Introduction**

Stan Holtby called the meeting to order and began by thanking all of the sponsors for this years Annual Conference; Austin Powder Company, Davey Bickford Canada Inc., Explosives Partnership, Mag Guard Monitoring, Metro Blasting Inc., Orica Canada Inc., Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd., TRAXXON Rock Drills Ltd., Western Canada Blasting, Western Grater Contracting Ltd., Wylie-Crump Limited, and Wylie & Norrish Rock Engineers. 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 Lewis Clarke was not able to make the meeting, Ron Elliott presented Lewis' Treasurer's report:

For the year 2008:

Opening balance                      \$20,760.07

Revenue:

AGM 2008 Registration      \$18,720.00

AGM 2008 Sponsorships      \$4250.00

AGM 2007 Sponsorships      \$2000.00

Certificate Program Fees      \$2460.00

Certificate Program Books      \$100.00

Total Revenue                      \$27,530.00

Chapter Expenses:

Bank Service Charges	\$3.51
AGM 2007 Expenses	\$12,454.51
AGM 2008 Hotel Deposit	\$500.00
WEB Hosting Service	\$476.41
ISEE Certificate Prog.	\$3145.00
Pay Pal Cost	\$999.07
Staples/Business Depot	<u>\$55.47</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$17,633.97</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$30,656.10</b>

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Andy Wells that we accept Lewis' Treasurer's Report. Motion carried unanimous.

### **3.0 Election of Chapter Board of Directors**

Stan Holtby and the Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following proposed slate of officers who have agreed to serve for the next term:

- President – Terry Matts
- Vice President – Rob Slivinski
- Past President – Stan Holtby
- Secretary – Ron Elliott
- Treasurer – Lewis Clarke

Nominations were opened to the floor. No additional nominations were received. Moved by Craig Sharpe, seconded by Alastair Grogan, that we accept the proposed executive for 2009. Passed, unanimous.

The following are Committee Chairman for 2009:

- Membership Committee – Marek Gomolka
- Education Committee – Andy Wells & Blaine Wright
- Scholarship Committee – Terry Matts
- Government Affairs – Ron Elliott
- WEB Master – Lewis Clarke

The following were proposed as Area Representatives:

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- Yukon – Naresh Prasad
- S. Alberta – Rob Slivinski
- N. Alberta – Pat McLaughlin
- BC Southern Interior – Mike Witham
- 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, Jim Launay
- OH&S Alberta – Pat McLaughlin

#### Directors at Large:

Alastair Grogan  
Len Henke  
Garry Heringer  
Lori Lovlin  
Mike Stern

Stan Holtby asked if there were any nominations from the floor for any of the positions. There was no response from the members. Stan then asked for a vote to accept the proposed slate for 2008. Moved by Lori Lovelin seconded by Rob Slivinski that the nominations be approved. Vote was unanimous.

#### **4.0 Chapter Scholarship Plan**

Terry Matts gave an update on the Scholarship Plan. We have had 2 very good candidates for the \$1000 scholarship. The committee will be making final recommendations and issuing the award shortly.

#### **5.0 New Business**

Stan Holtby asked if there was any new business from the floor.

- ISEE Level 1 Certificate Training Program. Andy Wells gave a progress report. The next blaster training course will be held in late February at the Cowichan Valley Inn in Duncan, BC. This will be a 2-day course to be held over a weekend and will include a Blast Vibration Control workshop. Cost of the course will be \$250.00 per person. Further details and exact dates to follow.

It was suggested that we consider holding a blaster training course for 1 ½ days immediately preceding the AGM. This is to be taken under advisement by the Board of Directors.

- Stan Holtby asked for suggestions for future conferences:
  - Alastair Grogan suggested we hold workshops on:
    - Blast tie-in techniques
    - Use of seismographs
    - Blaster public relations
  - Steve Rothman asked if blasters were interested in being able to write for their BC Mines Department – Blaster Certification if this was held at the AGM. There was good support shown for this suggestion.
  - Rob Slivinski said that he would approach Pat McLaughlin with the same suggestion to see if it could be possible for blasters to write their Alberta Blaster Certification exam at the AGM.

## **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 again, preferably in Vernon, as this location always draws the maximum attendance. There was also a discussion on holding the next AGM on Vancouver Island. A vote was held and the general consensus was that most members were in favour of holding the next AGM in Vernon. Proposed dates for the 2009 AGM – October 16, 17, and 18, 2009.

Stan Holtby asked if there was any other new business. There was no response. Moved by Ron Elliott, seconded by Bill Fleenor, that this year's AGM be closed. Motion carried.