



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

June 26, 2008

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

Present:

Ron Elliott
Chris Fahr
Stan Holtby
Terry Matts
Mike Stern
Blaine Wright
Allan Zdunich

Regrets:

Gary Anderson
Rod Boulay
Lewis Clarke
Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Warren Fulton
Marek Gomolka
Corry Goumans
Alastair Grogan
Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Dave Hudak
Paul Jeannotte
Doug Kittle
Gary Kreller
Jim Launay
Lori Lovelin

Dave McConnach
Dale McLean
Daryl Mellquist
Shaun Norman
Mike Osoko
Scott Parker
Naresh Prasad
Jerry Silva
Rob Slivinski
Ed Taje
Troy Walker
Andy Wells
Ron Woolf

1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Stan Holtby opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Allan Zdunich, seconded by Blaine Wright, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as read. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Old Business

- Regarding the additional charges from the Sheraton Hotel in Calgary, Stan Holtby stated that the calls from the collection agency have now ceased. Richard

Alder from the collection agency was arrogant and difficult to deal with. Stan seems to think that the Sheraton Hotel may have called them off or someone may have stepped in on our behalf.

- Conference flyers. Blaine will contact Bill Fleenor at Austin Powder to see if they can help get the word out to their customers by sending out copies of our AGM Conference flyer. Other suppliers are encouraged to do the same.
- **Scholarship Plan.** Lewis needs a short explanatory write up to be used as an introduction to the application form. **Action T. Matts.** Stan Holtby said he has information from the BC Roadbuilders plan and will send this to Terry for his information. Terry to meet with Lewis Clarke to finalize this.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

- Lewis Clarke presented the Treasurer's Report:

Current bank balance \$12,496.75

Outstanding charges:

ISEE Certificate Program (\$3145.00)

Alter Net Internet (Web site) (\$55.45)

Sheraton Hotel room attrition charge (\$9530.46)

Scholarship Plan (\$1000.00)

Balance (\$1234.16)

Lewis has paid the next instalment for our Web site, and has set up the on-line registration form for the AGM Conference. Attendees can now pay for the conference using PayPal. Lewis has also paid a \$500.00 deposit with the Best Western Hotel in Vernon to hold our reservation.

4.0 Membership Committee

Marek Gomolka is Chairman of the Membership Committee. Marek has nothing new to report.

5.0 Scholarship Committee Report

Dave McConnach, Terry Matts, and Dave Hudak comprise the Scholarship Committee. A scholarship application form has been posted on our web site.

6.0 Next Annual General Meeting

- The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 24, 25, 26th, 2008 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre in Vernon, BC.
- A preferred room rate of \$88.00/night has been arranged with the hotel. This will be in effect until 3 weeks before the conference, at which time our room block is released. After October 2nd, the room rate goes up to \$139.00/night. Stan encourages everyone to reserve their rooms early.
- There will be a tour to see Orica's Detonating Cord Manufacturing Plant in Tappin, BC on Friday afternoon, Oct. 24th, immediately preceding the conference.
- A conference flyer is ready and posted on our web site. Application forms for the conference are available on our web site www.iseewest.org. Our official mailing address for mail-in applications is:

ISEE Western Canada Chapter
3183 Norland Avenue
Burnaby, BC
V5B 3A9

Attention: Lewis Clarke

The mail-in registration form can be printed from the web site.

Conference fees will be the same as last year.

- Dale Mclean has organized a “Casino Night” for the Saturday evening entertainment following the banquet.
 - Terry Matts reported that the following initial list of presentations is confirmed:
 - Jim Launay from WorkSafe BC will do a presentation.
 - Rod Boulay from NRCanada will do a presentation.
 - Alastair Grogan or a presenter from Fording River Coal will do a presentation on use of electronic detonators.
 - Andy Wells has offered to do a presentation featuring a novel shoring system
 - Stan Holtby would like us to have a presentation on Nonel detonator hook-ups with do’s and don’ts.
 - We could ask one of the suppliers to come out and do a presentation on the new electronic magazine security systems.
 - Allan Zdunich offered to ask Kiewit if they can do a presentation on the “Use of Polymers in Overburden Drilling”.
 - We are actively looking for other presentations. Please send ideas with contact information to Terry Matts. Email *terry_matts@hotmail.com*
 - Trade Show. Alastair Grogan is looking after the Trade Show portion of the conference. The following have expressed interest in exhibiting this year:
 - Pinnacle Drilling Supplies
 - White Industrial Seismology
 - Island Tire Recycling (Blasting mats)
 - Eagle Ridge Welding (Explosives magazine construction)
 - ExRT (Blast consulting)
 - Thunderbird Mining Systems
 - Mike’s Welding (Explosives magazine construction)
 - Dyno Nobel
 - Orica
 - Instantel
 - Traxxon Rock Drills
 - Davey Bickford Canada
 - International Society of Explosives Engineers
- Stan Holtby reported that we can handle up to 15 booths. Some other suggestions that need follow up:
- Layfield Plastics (Borehole liners) We should check to see if they would be willing to put on a paper.
 - Lakeside Plastics in Salmon Arm (borehole liners)
- Sponsorships – Ron Elliott & Chris Fahr are looking after sponsorships. They will target many of the same sponsors we have used in past years. We will ask

Ron Woolf to contact Cal Tire who has been a major supporter in the past. Payments can be made by cheque or PayPal on our web site.

7.0 New Business

• Blaster Training

Blaine and Andy Wells are working on setting up our second ISEE Certificate Training Program to be held on November 22 & 23, 2008 in Duncan, BC. Blaine has quotes from a couple of hotels in the Duncan area. The Best Western Cowichan Valley Inn was judged the best. There will be a charge of \$300/day for the training room and we will get a reduced room rate for attendees. Andy is looking for a list of what topics that will be covered in the course. Terry Matts has agreed to do a write up on the Blast Vibration Control Workshop to be held as part of the Blaster Training Course. We decided to limit the course to the first 30 attendees. Stan asked Blaine and Andy to put together a budget for the Blaster Training Seminar. **Action Blaine & Andy.** Terry Matts will put together a course outline. **Action Terry Matts.** It was reported that there is lots of interest in the course from the blasters at HHS and the course is expected to sell out early.

- There was a discussion regarding the implementation of remote security monitoring of explosives magazines. Orica reported that they have installed an electronic surveillance system on their magazines in Campbell River. Pacific Blasting has installed the Magasec system on their magazines in the Chilliwack area. There seems to be some doubt whether the manufacturers of the systems will be able to meet the deadline imposed by NR Canada.

- Mike Stern has volunteered to compile a list of all Western Canada Chapter ISEE members. He will then send everyone a copy of our AGM Conference flyer by email.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Blaine Wright, seconded by Mike Stern that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held October 8, 2008 at 5:15PM at the Pacific Blasting board room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC – Mark your calendars!