



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

November 26, 2008

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

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Regrets:</u>	
Rod Boulay	Gary Anderson	Dave McConnach
Lewis Clarke	Finn Conradsen	Dale McLean
Ron Elliott	John Fairley	Daryl Mellquist
Chris Fahr	Daryl Fieber	Shaun Norman
Corry Goumans	Warren Fulton	Mike Osoko
Stan Holtby	Marek Gomolka	Scott Parker
Terry Matts	Alastair Grogan	Naresh Prasad
John Pratt	Len Henke	Jerry Silva
Andy Wells	Garry Heringer	Rob Slivinski
	Dave Hudak	Mike Stern
	Paul Jeannotte	Ed Taje
	Doug Kittle	Troy Walker
	Gary Kreller	Ron Woolf
	Jim Launay	Blaine Wright
	Lori Lovelin	Allan Zdunich

1.0 Review of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Terry Matts opened the meeting and asked for a review of the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Terry Matts pointed out that a vote was held to determine the location of the next AGM. Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Corry Goumans, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as clarified. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Old Business

- Annual General Meeting Wrap-Up

Terry Matts asked for everyone's opinion on what worked well at the AGM, and what could be improved.

- Lewis Clarke reported that we had a total of 91 attendees at the Vernon 08 AGM, the highest ever!
- Doug Kittle mentioned that Dave Metcalfe did not know about the AGM and would have liked to attend. We could use more publicity/advertising. Ron E. will make sure that Dave is added to our distribution list for the minutes of the meetings. Lewis will work with Marek on a membership list with email distribution of notices.
- Lewis Clarke mentioned that only having 3 trade show booths was not enough. We need to let suppliers know well in advance the dates for the next AGM. Chris Fahr volunteered to head up the Trade Show portion of the next AGM and begin work well in advance to line up suppliers.
- It was felt that the field trip to view Orica's Detonating Cord Manufacturing Plant was a big hit with those that attended. We should offer this tour again next year.
- The Best Western Hotel venue worked well and we were given great service. Terry asked for a show of hands to see who wanted to use the same venue for 2009. Vote was unanimous.
- It was felt that the Sunday morning program needs to be improved. Some suggestions:
 - o Workshops can be included
 - o Blasting exams on Sunday AM?
 - o Have a keynote speaker for Sunday AM, someone that everyone wants to hear.
 - o Corry Goumans recommended we approach "Crazy Horse" to send a speaker to present on the drilling and blasting on the monument.
 - o Start the Sunday program a little later for the late-nighters.
 - o Send out an email to all of the members requesting their ideas and suggestions.
 - o Doug Kittle suggested a presentation on "Olympic Security and how it will affect you".
- Ron Elliott said that we need to have more lap top computers available at registration. We were somewhat overwhelmed by the number of on-site registrations. We had a total of 24 on-site registrants.

• **Treasurers Report**

Lewis Clarke reported that we had conference revenue of \$28,970.00 and realized a profit of \$12,244.46 for a current balance of \$20,911.86. From this, we will have a \$1000.00 payment for this year's scholarship donation.

• **Scholarship Plan.**

Dave McConnach, Terry Matts, and Dave Hudak comprise the Scholarship Committee.

Terry Matts reported that the scholarship committee had decided to split the \$1000 scholarship between two very worthy recipients, Jamie Holtby and Kim

Moffat. For 2009, we need to get going on applicants sooner. We are looking at a one time payment of \$1000.

Terry asked if we wish to extend the eligibility of applicants from son or daughter of a member to grandchildren? Rod Boulay suggested we open it up to someone sponsored by a member? Should we open the scholarship plan to students in educational institutes in Western Canada offering mining or blasting related courses?

Doug Kittle suggested we look into offering a bursary at one of the institutes. Stan Holtby asked if we could request that a scholarship recipient do some work for us?

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Andy Wells that we offer two \$1000.00 scholarships per year. One scholarship to go to a family member (son, daughter, or grand child) of a member of our chapter and the second scholarship to an educational institute in Western Canada offering mining or blasting related courses. Recipients must be a Canadian citizen or a landed immigrant. Mature students to be eligible and part time students to be considered, however full time students to be given priority. Motion passed unanimous.

Scholarship conditions will be posted on our web site. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

3.0 Membership Committee

Marek Gomolka is Chairman of the Membership Committee. Many new members were signed up at the AGM in Vernon. An updated membership list is pending. **Action Marek Gomolka.**

4.0 Next Annual General Meeting

- The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 23, 24, 25th, 2009 at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre in Vernon, BC.

- Stan Holtby will book the hotel for these dates. He needs a cheque for \$500.00 as a deposit for the hotel to hold our reservation. **Action Lewis Clarke & Stan Holtby.**

- Information on the next AGM – Vernon 09 will be posted on our web site www.iseewest.org. Our official mailing address for mail-in applications is:

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Attention: Lewis Clarke

The mail-in registration form will be able to be printed from the web site.

Conference fees will be the same as last year.

- Terry Matts will ask Teresa McLean if she would be willing to organize the social event for the 2009 AGM. **Action Terry Matts.**

- Stan Holtby recommended that we ask suppliers for a deposit on the trade show booth bookings so that there is incentive for them to show up. We can handle up to 15 booths at the venue. Terry suggested we offer an early bird discount for those booking trade show booths well in advance. Lewis said that if we set the date and the rate ASAP, we should be able to get better response on trade show booths. Lewis will put up a notice on our web site.
- 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.
- Doug Kittle suggested we get a speaker who has been to Afghanistan dealing with IED's. Bill McCauley will be coming back this winter. We may be able to ask him to be a featured speaker at the next AGM.

7.0 New Business

- Doug Kittle mentioned that for 2009, Josée Boudreau will be checking the Emergency Response Plans for companies operating in the Olympic theatre area. She will be updating the blasting companies on Transport Canada's expectations.
- Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Doug Kittle that we send flowers to the girls who volunteered their time at the registration for the AGM; Nancy Laframboise, Teresa McLean, Barb Holtby, and Bernice Elliott. Passed unanimous.

8.0 Blaster Training Update

Blaine and Andy Wells are working on setting up our second ISEE Certificate Training Program to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 27 & 28, 2009 at the Cowichan Valley Inn, Duncan, BC. There will be a charge of \$300/day for the training room and we will get a reduced room rate for attendees. Andy Wells can send 6-8 attendees to the course from his company and he is sure that HHS will have attendees as well.

The course fee for the Level I Certificate Program is \$250.00. Lewis Clarke will set up a Pay Pal registration form so that attendees can register on line. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

The course will be limited to the first 30 registrants on a first come basis.

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.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Doug Kittle, seconded by Corry Goumans that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held February 18, 2009 at 5:15PM at the Pacific Blasting board room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC – Mark your calendars!