



## ISEE Western Canada

# Chapter International Society of Explosives Engineers

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### Annual General Meeting Information

- 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.

- **Level 1 Certificate Blaster Training Course** will be held at the next AGM on Thursday, October 22 and Friday morning, October 23rd, 2009. The registration fee for the course will be as follows:

Early Bird Rate (before Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>) \$250.00 per person

Rate after Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> \$295.00 per person.

- Terry Matts reported that manuals for the course have been ordered and received.
- Stan Holtby confirmed that he has booked a training room at the hotel for October 22 & 23rd. The room will hold 25-30 attendees.
- Ron Elliott, Alastair Grogan, and Gary Kreller have all offered to assist Terry Matts with the course. Gary will present on blasting regulations.
- Terry will ask each presenter to handle 2 course topics.
- Terry mentioned that the blasting course will finish at noon on Friday to accommodate those who wish to go on the field trip to visit the Tappen detonating cord plant or partake in writing their WorkSafe BC blaster certification or their Ministry of Mines blaster certification, both of which are scheduled for Friday afternoon.
- We need to post information on the Blaster Training Course on our web site.

**Action Lewis Clarke.**

- **Field Trip:**

Stan Holtby reported that attendees to the AGM can take part in morning and afternoon field trips to Orica's detonating cord manufacturing plant in Tappen, BC. The plant can handle 18 in the morning and 9 in the afternoon on a first come first served basis. Contact Stan Holtby to get your name on the list.

We need to make sure that the tour is advertised on our web site. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

Andy Wells wants to reserve two spots for the afternoon tour.

- **Blaster Certification Exams**

This year, it will be possible to write blaster certification exams at the AGM on Friday afternoon. Both WorkSafe BC and the BC Ministry of Mines have offered to have this service available to our members. The standard requirements for sitting blaster certification exams apply. You will need to bring log books from blasting that you have carried out, a reference letter from your employer, the exam fee, and fulfill any other requirements. Check with and register with WorkSafe BC or the BC Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources before coming to the conference.

- **Spouse Program**

The spouse program will feature a winery tour to the Gray Monk Estate Winery on Saturday morning, October 24th. We will be car pooling to the winery. The tour will leave from the hotel lobby at 10:30AM arriving at the winery at 11:00 AM, with return at approximately 2:00 PM. There is a charge of \$5.00 per person for the tour. Lunch at the winery is extra and seating is limited. Theresa MacLean has asked that we include on the AGM registration form, who wishes to attend the tour, so that she can make proper arrangements for lunch reservations. For further information, contact Theresa MacLean. Her email contact is jocksblasting@telus.net

- **Registration**

Registration for the conference will be held Friday afternoon from 5:00-7:00 PM. The registration desk will also be open on Saturday from 7:00-8:00 AM.

We will need 3 lap top computers to be available. **Action Ron Elliott, Terry Matts, and Andy Wells.**

Bernice Elliott and Barb Holtby have offered to work on registration again this year. We need to ask if Kathleen Moffat will help out again this year. **Action Stan Holtby.**

We will hold a pre-conference work bee on Monday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM at the Pacific Blasting conference room to assemble pre-registered conference attendee packages. Please volunteer to help with this.

- **Welcome Wine & Cheese Reception**

Friday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM will feature a wine and cheese reception. We are looking for a sponsor for this event.

- **Technical Sessions / Conference Papers**

Terry Matts, as Chairman of this committee, gave an update on progress to date: Schedule for Technical Presentations – Saturday October 24.

8:00 Welcoming address – Terry Matts

- 8:15-9:00     **“Battling IED’s in Afghanistan”** by Bill McAuley, Senior Inspector, NRCanada, Calgary
- 9:00-9:30     **“Impact of the Olympic Games on the Explosives Industry”** by Rod Boulay, Explosives Regulatory Division, and Doug Kittle, Transport Canada.
- 9:30-10:00    Coffee Break
- 10:00-10:45   **“Highwall Slot Blasting for Gold Recovery at the Dome Mine, Timmins, ON”** by Ron Woolf and Corry Goumans, Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd.
- 10:45-11:30   **“Avalanche Control – Latest Techniques and Regulatory Challenges”**, Doug Wilson and John Buffery,
- 11:30-1:00    Lunch and Trade Show
- 1:00-1:30     **“Seismic Blasting in the Canadian Arctic North of Ellesmere Island”**, Lloyd Litwin, University of Saskatchewan.
- 1:30-2:00     **“Hazard Removal at Clayton Falls”**, Terry Matts, Pete Abrahamse, and Dale MacLean.
- 2:00-2:30     **“Use of Drilling Fluids in Collaring of Blast Holes”**, Allan Zdunich, Pinnacle Drilling Products Inc.
- 2:30-3:00     Coffee Break
- 3:00-3:30     **“Drilling & Blasting at the Syncrude Mine”**, Jamie Crysdale, Gridiron Blasting
- 3:30-4:00     **“Blasting Through Sloping Coal Seams at Western Canada Coal”**, Jennifer Graham
- 4:00-4:30     **“Cap Scatter, Timing, and a Good Blast”**, Mark Grigons, Maxxam Explosives

Dave Hudak asked if we can make any papers available for download from our web site.

· **Banquet**

The Annual Banquet will be held from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

Corry Goumans has contacted Kevin Hachmeister from the Crazy Horse Memorial who has agreed to act as our keynote speaker for the banquet. He will do a fascinating presentation on **“Drilling & Blasting for the Crazy Horse Monument Carving”**.

· **Casino Night**

The Banquet is to be followed by a “Casino Night” where everyone will be given \$50,000 in Casino money. Participants can use this money or their winnings to purchase tickets to be used for the drawing for door prizes. Theresa MacLean has raised concerns that it will be very difficult to get suppliers to donate door prizes for the Casino event this year. Moved by Ron Elliott, seconded by Terry Matts, that we donate \$1000 of chapter funds towards the purchase of door prizes. Passed unanimous. Stan Holtby has offered to look after organizing the

door prizes for this activity. **Action Stan Holtby.** Terry Matts has 3 Blaster's Calculators that he has programmed with blasting programs and will offer these as door prizes.

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Ron Elliott that we hold a 50/50 fund raiser with all proceeds to go to the Crazy Horse Memorial, passed unanimous.

Moved by Corry Goumans, seconded by Terry Matts that the Chapter cover Kevin Hachmeister's air fare and hotel costs to come to the conference. Passed unanimous.

· **Sunday Activities:**

7:30 – 8:30 Video Roundup (bring your videos of your blasting projects)  
8:30 – 9:30 Seismograph Workshop – Alastair Grogan, Davey Bickford  
9:30 -10:15 WorkSafeBC "New Direction for Blasting Code" – Scott Parker, WorkSafe BC  
10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break  
10:30 – 11:15 "Emergency Response Action Plans" – Josée Boudreau, Transport Canada  
11:15 – 12:00 Annual General Meeting & election of officers  
12:00 Grand Prize Draw (sponsored by Orica Canada)  
11:00-12:00 Annual General Meeting & election of officers for the coming year.  
Closing – Grand Prize Draw – we need a sponsor for this.

The following were proposed as a possible slate of officers for election at the AGM:

President – Rob Slivinski

Vice President – Andy Wells

Treasurer – Lewis Clarke

Secretary – (Ron looking for a volunteer to replace him)

Web Master – Jeff Blackmore (Pinnacle Drilling Products Inc.)

· **Conference Theme:**

We will hold a contest to select a name for our annual AGM and have a prize for the winner. We should post a notice regarding the contest on our web page.

**Action Lewis Clarke.** We need to set up forms and have a box set up at the conference in Vernon for entries. Judging of entries will take place at the Vernon conference. **Action Ron Elliott & Lewis Clarke.**

· **Fund Raiser:**

We will be selling golf shirts with the ISEE Western Canada Chapter logo as a fund raiser. We have asked Stan Holtby search for the best deal and follow up on this. **Action Stan Holtby.**

· **Trade Show Booths**

There is room for a maximum of 15 trade show booths. Fee for trade show booths is \$300 which includes one delegate registration, a really great deal. Chris Fahr is looking after the trade show. Notices have been going out to suppliers and we have already had confirmations from a number of suppliers who will be exhibiting, more to come.

The following have responded positively so far:

- International Society of Explosives Engineers
- Thunderbird Mining Systems
- Rothenbuhler Engineering
- Mag Guard Monitoring
- Davey Bickford
- RS Technical

Trade show booths can be set up on Friday afternoon.

· **Sponsorships**

Sponsors are a big reason that our AGM is so successful each year. So far, the following companies have agreed to sponsor events:

Orica Canada – grand prize drawing

Western Grater \$500.00

Pinnacle Drilling Products Inc. \$500.00

Metro Blasting Inc. \$500.00

Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd. \$500.00

Thunderbird Mining Systems \$250.00