



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter International Society of Explosives Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

February 23, 2009

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

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

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 Board of Directors meeting. He asked if there were any errors or omissions. Moved by Lewis Clarke, seconded by Chris Fahr, that the minutes of the meeting be adopted as reviewed. Passed, unanimous.

2.0 Old Business

• Chapter Leadership Meeting

Terry Matts gave a report on the Chapter Leadership meeting held at the ISEE Annual Conference on Explosives and Blasting Technique held in Denver. At the meeting, we were presented with a certificate honouring our 10 year anniversary

as the Western Canada Chapter. Moved by Corry Goumans, seconded by Paul Jeannotte, that we ask Lewis Clarke to post this on our web site in a downloadable form, in case any of our members wish to have a copy of it. Motion carried. **Action Lewis Clarke.**

- Terry Matts also reported that we have purchased 12 ISEE collectable commemorative coins to be presented to our speakers at the next AGM.

3.0 Scholarship Plan.

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

Moved by Corry Goumans, seconded by Andy Wells, that we name one of our annual scholarships in honour of Dick Shaw, to be called the "Dick Shaw Memorial Scholarship". This scholarship would be the one going to a student of an educational institute in Western Canada offering mining or blasting related courses. Motion passed unanimous.

Corry offered to contact WorkSafe BC to see how this could best be handled.

Action Corry Goumans.

4.0 Blaster Training Update

Our second ISEE Certificate Training Program is to be held on Friday and Saturday, February 27 & 28, 2009 at the Cowichan Valley Inn, Duncan, BC. The course fee for the Level I Certificate Program is \$250.00. Lewis Clarke has set up a Pay Pal registration form so that attendees can register on line. We have received an excellent response, with 31 attendees registered for the course. The course is now sold out. Terry Matts reported that we now have the DVD with the PowerPoint presentations for the course and the videos. Blaine needs to send in copies of invoices to Lewis Clarke and Terry will have invoices to be reimbursed as well.

Andy Wells thanked both Terry Matts and Lewis Clarke for their hard work in organizing the Certificate Program course.

5.0 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.

- Dave Hudak has suggested we should have a "theme" for the next AGM.

- Trade Show

While at the ISEE conference in Denver, we made contacts with potential exhibitors for our AGM. The following have expressed interest in exhibiting at our conference:

- Davey Bickford
- Thunderbird Mining Systems

- Western Rubber
- Instantel

Chris Fahr is Chairman of the Trade Show Committee. **Action Chris Fahr.**

- 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:

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

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.

Lewis also asked if anyone has any photos that could be posted on our web site, depicting typical blasting operations from our area. Please email photos to Lewis at lewis@pacificblasting.com.

- Corry Goumans suggested we hold a photo contest at the next AGM. Photos from the winners could be posted on our web site.

- Speakers / Conference Papers

Terry Matts is Chairman of this committee. We need to solicit ideas for good papers for our AGM.

Corry Goumans volunteered to ask Kevin Hachmeister from the Crazy Horse Memorial if he would be willing to act as a keynote speaker with a presentation on the ongoing work on the Crazy Horse monument. **Action Corry Goumans.**

6.0 Treasurer's Report

Lewis Clarke gave the following report on the financial status of our Chapter.

Current Balance	\$14,414.13
Deposits	
	\$6,440.00 (to be processed)
	\$7,750.00 (Level 1 Course Fees)
Debits	
	\$180.00 (for commemorative coins – speaker gifts)
	\$95.00 (for new ISEE Chapter banner)
	\$3155.00 (training books for the Level 1 course)
	\$ (bill for the catering & hotel charges for the Level 1 course)

7.0 New Business

- Terry Matts reviewed the recent visit by Kiran Hanspal, Director-General of the Explosives Safety and Security Branch with NR Canada. Terry Matts and Ron Elliott represented our Chapter at the meeting. We discussed issues that are currently of concern to our members. We expressed the wishes of our members to be consulted on proposed regulatory changes. We made it clear that CEAC

represents the manufacturers and distributors of explosives, whereas the ISEE Chapters represent the end users. We stressed the importance of consulting both groups on proposed regulatory changes.

Kiran had mentioned that the proposed Explosives Security Permit is not an imminent priority.

- There was a discussion surrounding the proposed Explosives Security Permits. Corry Goumans recommended that NR Canada look into having a 5-year renewal permit, and not copying the mistakes made by BATFE in the US. Dave Hudak suggested that the permit should be issued to the individual, not the company that he is working for, as is the case in the USA. The permit should be amalgamated with any requirements from Transport Canada.
- Dave Hudak mentioned that it has been suggested that Western Canada should be the test case for the introduction of the Explosives Security Permits on a volunteer basis. Terry Matts commented that he didn't think that this was advisable, as we are already the pilot scheme for the introduction of the magazine security monitoring systems and its associated problems.
- Ron Elliott reported that the City of Burnaby is looking at outlawing the storage of explosives within the city. It is getting harder and harder to find adequate storage sites within the Lower Mainland.
- Dave Hudak discussed pressures within the oil/seismic industry to cut costs and minimize the cost of re-loading and handling oil well perforating guns. We need to focus on education of our members on controlling the risks associated with the storage and handling of explosives.

8.0 Adjournment

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Ron Elliott that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held April 30, 2009 at 5:15PM at the Pacific Blasting board room, 3183 Norland Avenue, Burnaby, BC – Mark your calendars!