

## Conference & Annual General Meeting Information

- The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for October 15, 16, & 17, 2010, at the Best Western Vernon Lodge Hotel & Conference Centre in Vernon, BC.

- A **Level 1 Certificate Blaster Training Course** will be held in association with the AGM on Thursday, October 14 and Friday morning, October 15, 2010. The registration fee for the course will be as follows:

Early Bird Rate (by Oct. 1) \$250.00 per person  
Full Rate (after Oct. 1) \$300.00 per person.

- Terry Matts reports that manuals for the course have been ordered and received.
- Stan Holtby will book a training room at the hotel for October 14 & 15. The room will hold 25-30 attendees.
- ISEE certified instructors will teach the course.
- The blasting course will finish at noon on Friday to accommodate those who wish to go on one of the field trips or write their WorkSafe BC or Ministry of Mines blaster (re)certification, both of which are scheduled for Friday afternoon.

- **Field Trip:**

Attendees to the AGM can take part in Friday morning and afternoon field trips to Orica's detonating cord manufacturing plant in Tappen, BC. The plant can handle only 18 persons 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. This year we also hope to offer a field trip to Lakeside Plastics in Salmon Arm, a company that manufactures plastic borehole liners

- **Blaster Certification Exams**

This year, it should again be possible to write blaster certification exams at the AGM on Friday afternoon. **HOWEVER, ANYONE WISHING TO WRITE FOR THEIR BLASTING TICKETS MUST PRE-REGISTER WITH THE RELEVANT AUTHORITY BY OCTOBER 8, AT THE LATEST.** You cannot expect just to pitch up and write the tests. Exams will be conducted on **FRIDAY AFTERNOON ONLY**. Both Worksafe BC and BC Mines reserve the right to cancel their sessions if there is insufficient demand!

The standard requirements for sitting blaster certification exams apply. You will need to bring your blasting log books, a reference letter from your employer, the exam fee, and to fulfill any other requirements

- **Spouse Program**

The spouse program will again feature a winery tour on Saturday morning, October 16. We will be car pooling to the winery. The tour will leave from the hotel lobby mid-morning, with return mid-afternoon. There will be a small charge for the tour. Lunch at the winery is extra and seating is limited. Please indicate on your registration form if your significant other(s) want to participate. For further information, contact Theresa MacLean. Her email address is: [jocksblasting@telus.net](mailto:jocksblasting@telus.net)

- **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**

Saturday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Lunch will be provided to conference registrants. We intend to have a full slate of technical papers again this year. The feature paper will be from Pacific Blasting: "Demolishing the Coal Silos at Grande Cache". However, at the moment (late June), we are very short of offers to present technical papers. **If you've worked on any interesting jobs during the last few years, and have some photos to prove it, please step up & volunteer to present a paper. It's very simple and 20-25 mins. are easy to fill.** Contact Terry Matts: [terry\\_matts@hotmail.com](mailto:terry_matts@hotmail.com)

- **Banquet**

The Annual Banquet will be held from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Again this year we hope to have an interesting keynote speaker

**We are looking for a sponsor to buy the table wine for this event**

- **Casino Night**

The banquet will be followed by a "Casino Night", just like last year, where everyone will be given \$50,000 in Casino money. Participants may use this money and their winnings to purchase tickets for the door prize draw. Also, there will be a "50:50" raffle, with the excess proceeds going to an appropriate charity.

### **Sunday Activities**

There will be the usual video roundup, a couple of workshops (one on regulatory changes), finishing up with the actual Annual General Meeting. **We need new blood to replace the same old tired organizers. If you find the Chapter and**

**Annual Conference to be worthwhile, please volunteer to stand for one of our Executive or Officer positions. It's YOUR Chapter – please support it!**

The final act on Sunday will be the drawing of the Grand Door Prize

## **Trade Show**

We hope to attract several trade show booths featuring supplies for the drilling & blasting industry. This year the fee for a booth has been maintained at \$50. However, we expect at least one person manning the booth also to purchase a Conference registration

## **Sponsorships**

The generosity of our sponsors ensures that the annual conference is a great success. Please consider making a major donation of \$500 (which will, for instance, cover the banquet wine) or a minor one of \$250 (which will, for instance, buy coffee during one of the breaks).

### **• Registration**

Pre-registration: There are two options for registering for the conference ahead of time. With each option there are several ways by which we can accept payment. Our preferred pre-registration option is for you to use the online registration form; the other option is to print out the completed form and mail it in.

With the first option (using the online registration form):

Once you have filled out the forms online, hitting the “submit” button will take you automatically to Paypal. When you get to Paypal, you will have the following choices to make your payment:

1. Using your own Paypal account already setup.
2. Using a major credit card i.e. Visa, Mastercard, etc.

Second Option (hard copy/snailmail):

If you prefer printing out a copy of the registration form, completing it manually, and then mailing it in, you will have the following options for payment:

1. A cheque made out to the ISEE Western Canada Chapter.
2. Cash (which we do not recommend being sent through the mail).

Mail-in registrations should be sent to:

Lewis Clarke  
Pacific Blasting & Demolition Ltd.  
3183 Norland Ave.  
Burnaby, BC, V5B 3A9

Please also state: Attn. ISEE Conference Registration

On-site Registration: Registration for the conference will be available Friday afternoon from 5:00-7:00 PM. The registration desk will also be open on Saturday from 7:00-8:00 AM. Payment options are not as flexible as those available for pre-registration:

1. Visa only (we are not able to process other credit or debit cards, etc.)
2. Company or certified cheque (but not a personal cheque)
3. Cash

We strongly encourage everyone to pre-register for the conference. This is the easiest way to keep the books straight, forecast numbers for catering, and it also makes the site registration a breeze for our volunteers. All conference programs, name badges, and tickets can be prepared prior to the conference and simply handed out to each pre-registered attendee.

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