



**ISEE Western Canada**



# **Chapter**

## **International Society of Explosive Engineers**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**April 14, 2005**

Held at the Boardroom of Dyno Nobel Canada Inc., Surrey, BC

#### **Present:**

Lewis Clarke  
Ron Elliott  
Alastair Grogan  
Stan Holtby  
Dave Hudak  
Gary Kreller  
Terry Matts  
Dave McConnach  
Troy Walker  
Andy Wells

#### **Regrets:**

Gary Anderson  
Finn Conradsen  
John Fairley  
Daryl Fieber  
Corry Goumans  
Len Henke  
Garry Heringer  
Paul Jeannotte  
Doug Kittle  
Dale McLean  
Mike Osoko  
Scott Parker  
Naresh Prasad  
Dick Shaw  
Jerry Silva  
Troy Walker  
Ron Woolf  
Blaine Wright

### **1.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Alastair Grogan reviewed the minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting held on January 22, 2005. Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Dave McConnach that the minutes be accepted as read. Passed unanimous.

## 2.0 Annual General Meeting

- Moved by Dave Hudak, seconded by Gary Kreller, that we hold our next Annual General Meeting in Edmonton, Alberta the weekend of October 22, 23, 2005. Passed unanimous.
- It was suggested that we involve the seismic blasting and oil well perforating groups in the meeting.
- Troy Walker volunteered to present information regarding the chapter AGM to the PSAC Group (Pipeline Group). They do a lot of work with shape charges. There are approximately 40 members in the group, including approximately 18-24 wire line companies. **Action Troy Walker.**
- Ron Elliott reported that Ron Woolf is following up with the Edmonton Inn to see if they could accommodate our AGM on October 22-23. **Action Ron Woolf.**
- Alastair Grogan reported that Ron Woolf is working on getting a listing of the old Canadian Rockies Chapter members. **Action Ron Woolf.**
- Dave Hudak suggested that we put a “Hot Button” on our Chapter Web Site to link to conference information. **Action J. Fairley.**

- Chapter AGM Organizing Committee:

The following were nominated to serve on the AGM Organizing Committee  
Committee Chairman – Dave Hudak

- Troy Walker
- Mike Latimer
- Pat McLaughlin

- Suggestions for Technical Papers:

- “Overpressure Monitoring in the Canadian Arctic” – Alastair Grogan
- “Improvised Explosives Threats – Blast Studies at Defence R&D Canada – Suffield” - Dr. John Anderson, Defense Research Canada. Ron Elliott to contact him **Action Ron Elliott.**
- Paper on underground blasting in the diamond mines – Bill Forsythe (Alastair Grogan to contact Bill, **Action A. Grogan**)
- Look for a paper on oil well perforating. **Action all.**
- Ask Pat McLaughlin to present a paper on Blasting in the Tar Sands, **Action Ron Elliott.**
- Use of Explosive Compaction Technology for Foundation Improvement on the Seymour Falls Dam – Ron Elliott & Lewis Clarke.
- Other interesting topics are needed. **Action All.**

- Technical Review Committee:

The Technical Review Committee for the AGM will consist of Terry Matts & Alastair Grogan

- Trade Show Booths:

The Trade Show Chairman is to be selected by the Organizing Committee

The fee for Trade Show Booths was set at \$200 per booth.

Ron Elliott reported that InstanTel, Ron Mask and TEC (Thomas Engineering Ltd.), Cam Thomas had expressed interest in participating with trade show booths.

- Workshops:

Committee co-chair Terry Matts and Alastair Grogan

Dave Hudak suggested that we hold the workshops on the Sunday morning for 2 hours before the AGM,

Possible Workshop topics:

- Use of New Computer Seismic Software, InstanTel, ask Robert Lee - Action **Ron Elliott**
- Use of Electronic Detonators, Orica Canada – ask Doug Mitchell - Action **Stan Holtby.**
- Avalanche Control Workshop – ask David Sly – Action **Terry Matts.**
- Further suggestions invited. Action **All.**

- Sponsorships

It was suggested that we contact Guy Marston to be in charge of sponsorships. Action **Terry Matts.**

### **3.0 Blaster Training**

Dave McConnach suggested we involve Gary Kreller in any training using the ISEE Certificate Program. Alastair Grogan mentioned that the intent of the ISEE Certificate Program is not to replace the WCB blaster certification process.

Gary Kreller responded that the WCB has no appetite to put on blaster training courses, but in the last round of negotiations with industry, it was suggested that passing the ISEE Certificate Program could be used in lieu of the 6 months experience requirement before being allowed to write for the WCB Blaster Certification exam.

Troy Walker reported that in Alberta, blaster training for the wire line industry is done on an annual basis.

### **4.0 Certificate Program – Module #8**

Terry Matts gave an update on the progress with revisions to Module #8 of the ISEE Certificate Training Program. Terry plans on sending off the completed Module #8 to the WCB and the Ministry of Energy & Mines for their review before we submit the completed version to the ISEE.

### **5.0 New Business**

- Andy Wells asked if anyone has any ideas on how to dispose of empty explosives boxes during the summer months when Forestry will not allow us to burn them due to forest fire hazard? Terry Matts responded that as long as the cartons are cut and flattened and stacked with the labels facing inwards, and they are bundled together, they can be disposed of in the garbage or recycling.
- Dave Hudak reported that he now has a new cellular contact number (403) 391-8707.

### **6.0 Action Time Lines**

Alastair Grogan suggested the following time lines for action items for the AGM:

- Hotel Booking – end of April
- Call for Papers – end of first week of May

- Abstracts due – May 24
- Publicity Flyer – May 31
- Papers Due – September 30
- Intent is that papers will be available on a CD. The cost of the CD will be included in the conference registration.

### **7.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on June 2, 2005 at 5:15 PM at the offices of the Explosives Regulatory Division, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 801, 605 Robson Street, Vancouver, BC.

Moved by Gary Kreller, seconded by Dave Hudak, that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.