



ISEE Western Canada



Chapter

International Society of Explosive Engineers

Board of Directors Meeting

July 14, 2005

Held at the Pacific Blasting Boardroom, Burnaby BC

Present:

Gary Anderson
Ron Elliott
Corry Goumans
Alastair Grogan
Stan Holtby
Dave Hudak
Paul Jeannotte
Doug Kittle
Terry Matts
Ron Woolf

Regrets:

Lewis Clarke
Finn Conradsen
John Fairley
Daryl Fieber
Len Henke
Garry Heringer
Dave McConnach
Grant McGinnes
Dale McLean
Mike Osoko
Scott Parker
Naresh Prasad
Dick Shaw
Jerry Silva
Troy Walker
Blaine Wright

1.0 Minutes of the Last Meeting

Ron Elliott reviewed the minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting held on June 2, 2005. Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Doug Kittle that the minutes be accepted as read. Passed unanimous.

2.0 Annual General Meeting

- Our next Annual General Meeting is to be held in Edmonton, the weekend of October 22, 23, 2005 at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre 11830 Kingsway

Edmonton, Alberta
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Toll Free: 1-888-747-4114
Fax: (780) 488-8610
Web: www.ramadaedmonton.com

- Early Bird Conference Registration (before Oct. 1st, 2005) \$195.00
- After October 1st \$225.00

Trade show participants would have to purchase a separate conference registration; this will not be included in the trade show booth fee.

- Ron Woolf reported that he has been dealing with the hotel that has sent him a contract to be filled out. This will be returned to them tomorrow. We are planning on 100 delegates for the conference and 150 total for the banquet.
- Dave Hudak mentioned that he could print up the tickets to be included in the delegate's packages. He will ask Lewis Clark to assist with creation of the advertising flyer. We can use the same format as last year's conference.
- Ron Elliott reported that Pacific Blasting has again agreed to process the credit card charges for the conference registrants on behalf of the ISEE Western Canada Chapter.
- For entertainment following the banquet, Terry Matts suggested we hold a Monte Carlo night.

Action – Organizing Committee

- Dave Hudak asked if we had a special conference rate for hotel accommodations. Ron Woolf replied that the conference rate is \$89.00/night.

Chapter AGM Organizing Committee:

Committee Chairman – Dave Hudak

- Troy Walker
- Mike Latimer
- Pat McLaughlin

- David Hudak has new contact information:

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2.1 Conference Technical Papers

- Abstracts received so far:

Doug Kittle

Dave Hudak

Abstracts are to be sent to Alastair Grogan at agrogan@golder.com

- Alastair Grogan reported that he has contacted Bill Forsythe and Bill cannot present a paper at the conference.
- Alastair Grogan reported that he and Terry Matts would review the abstracts and pass on a proposed agenda to David Hudak. Deadline for submission of abstracts is July 22nd.

- Update on status of Conference Technical Papers:
 - Bill Forsythe may have a volunteer to do a paper.
 - Doug Kittle will be presenting a paper
 - Terry Matts suggested that Dave Metcalf could do a presentation on oil well perforating – **Action Doug Kittle to contact Dave.**
 - Terry Matts has contacted Mike Stern of Orica concerning a possible paper. Follow-up needed. **Action Terry Matts**
 - Terry Matts has contacted David Sly regarding presenting a paper or presenting an Avalanche Control Workshop. David will not be able to make it to the conference.
 - Doug Kittle volunteered to contact Mike Boisenau to see if we could get a representative from MOT Avalanche Control to present a paper. **Action Doug Kittle.**
 - Doug Kittle has a contact in Saskatchewan for the Canadian Geophysical Association. He can contact them for ideas. **Action - Doug Kittle.**
 - Dave Hudak will contact the PSAC (Petroleum Services Association of Canada) to help get the publicity out. **Action Dave Hudak.**

2.2 Trade Show Booths Update

The Trade Show Chairman is to be selected by the Organizing Committee
The fee for Trade Show Booths is set at \$200 per booth.

Possible potential participants:

ETI Explosives – **Action Blaine Wright**
 Dyno Nobel Canada – **Action Dave McConnach**
 Explosives Limited – **Action Stan Holtby**
 Austin Powder – **Action Garry Heringer**
 Petroleum Industries Training Service – Dave Berte – **Action Dick Shaw**
 Instantel – **Action Ron Elliott (they have confirmed)**
 Thomas Engineering Ltd. – **Action Ron Elliott**
 Explosives Regulatory Division/Transport Canada – **Action Terry Matts**
 (Doug Kittle will contact his counterpart in Saskatchewan regarding sharing a booth) **Action Doug Kittle**
 Traxxon Rock Drills – **Action Corry Goumans (they have confirmed)**
 Dywidag/Thiessen – **Action Gary Anderson**
 Micon – Ray – **Action Gary Anderson**
 Target Blasting Mats – **Action Corry Goumans (they have confirmed)**
 Sphere Drilling Supplies – **Action Corry Goumans**
 Wip Ware Inc. – Tom Palangio – **Action Blaine Wright**
 MREL – Bill Bauer – **Action Terry Matts**
 ISEE – **Action Ron Elliott**
 Alberta Health & Welfare – Allan Yam – **Action Dick Shaw**
 Maple Leaf Powder – David Sly – **Action Terry Matts**
 Walkers Holdings **(Dave Hudak reported they have confirmed and are interested in outdoor exhibit space)** **Action Ron Woolf**

- If anyone can think of any other potential participants, be proactive and approach them for their interest.
- Trade Show Booth registrations to be coordinated with Dave McConnach.
- Ron Woolf reported that we have space for 15 Trade Show Booths.
- Dave Hudak needs a listing of all Trade Show Booth participants to do up signage for advertising.

2.3 Workshops

Workshops:

Committee co-chair Terry Matts and Alastair Grogan

Workshops will be held on the Sunday morning for 2 hours before the AGM,

Possible Workshop topics:

- Use of New Computer Seismic Software, Instantel, Robert Lee from Instantel has offered to present this workshop.
- Use of Electronic Detonators, Orica Canada – ask Doug Mitchell - **Action Stan Holtby.**
- Avalanche Guard System – Doug Wilson – MOT, Victoria **Action Dick Shaw**
- Loading & Blasting of Deep Cut Blast Holes – BXL – **Action Terry Matts**
- Use of Radio Remote Control Blasting System – **Blaine Wright**

2.4 Sponsorships

Terry Matts has contacted Guy Marston to be in charge of sponsorships. Guy is not keen on doing this. We need to find another volunteer – **Action All**

Possible Conference Sponsors:

Graehold – Grant McGinnes has volunteered to be a sponsor,

Trowlex – **Action Corry Goumans**

Micon – **Action Gary Anderson**

Dywidag/Thiessen – **Action Gary Anderson**

Kal Tire – **Action Ron Woolf**

Walker Holdings – **Action Troy Walker**

Macaferri – Barth Peirone – **Action Corry Goumans**

Lafarge Exshaw Operations – **Action Blaine Wright**

Finning – **Action Ron Elliott**

Graymont – **Action Ron Woolf**

City of Edmonton – Tunnelling Group – **Action Gary Kreller**

Alberta Health & Welfare – Allan Yam – **Action Dick Shaw**

McCaws Drilling & Blasting – **Action Stan Holtby**

Pacific Blasting – **Action Ron Elliott**

Metro Blasting – **Action Gary Anderson**

NWT Rock – **Action Blaine Wright**

Rock Inc. – **Action Stan Holtby**

Paramount - **Action Blaine Wright**

Consbec – **Action Stan Holtby**

Seismic Blasting Companies – **Action Len McBeth, Seismic Manager, ACE Explosives**

2.5 Other Issues

- Dave Hudak needs contact information for Mike Latimer & Pat McLaughlin
Action Ron Elliott
- Ron Woolf reported that the hotel requires a \$1500.00 cheque for deposit to hold our reservation. **Action Dave McConnach & Ron Woolf**
- Stan Holtby has again volunteered to look after T-shirt sales.
- Ron Elliott encouraged everyone who has action items to follow through with their commitments.

3.0 Certificate Program – Module #8

Terry Matts reported that he would add an Appendix to Module #8 of the ISEE Certificate Training Program containing regulatory contact information for Canada. Work on the module is progressing well. He expects to have it complete by the end of July and will send it off to Arlene at the ISEE.

4.0 WEB Page

Dave Hudak reported that we would set up our WEB site for on-line registration for the conference. There will also be a down-loadable PDF form that can be faxed in for conference registration. **Action Lewis Clarke & Dave Hudak.** Dave would also like to have the Conference Abstracts available on-line. He would also like to include photos.

5.0 AGM – Election of new Board Members

Alastair Grogan reported that Scott Parker has agreed to serve as Chairman of the Nominating Committee and prepare a slate of candidates for election at the AGM.

6.0 New Business

- Dave Hudak asked about presenting part of the ISEE Certificate Program at the AGM. Terry Matts said that the Canadian version of Module #8 would not be in video format on time for the conference. We may have to wait up to a year for this. Alastair Grogan said that we need at least 1-½ days to present the entire Level 1 course. We are best to present this at a dedicated meeting. Terry Matts will ask Arlene at the ISEE for feedback on other Chapters that have presented the Level 1 course in a Chapter meeting format. Terry Matts also mentioned that BCIT could put on the course “Distance Learning”. Ron Elliott recommended that we contact Jerry Silva to be a moderator for the course.
- Gary Anderson would like our Chapter to promote the use of Gun Safes as a possible replacement for the Type 6 explosives magazines. These units are very secure and because they are a mass produced, off-the-shelf item, they are reasonably priced (approximately \$3000 per unit). Terry Matts reported that

Peter Hanley has looked into this and says that they do not meet the current ERD official standards. Peter wants to stick with the official published specifications. Terry mentioned that the main drawback to the use of Gun Safes is the lack of vents. Doug Kittle mentioned that perhaps we could approach CEDEC to help promote this idea to the ERD. Alastair Grogan proposed that we form a sub-committee to study the possible use of Gun Safes as a replacement for Type 6 magazines. Moved by Alastair Grogan, seconded by Gary Anderson that our Chapter follow up on this. Vote was unanimous with 1 abstention – Terry Matts.

Committee Members:

Gary Anderson

David Hudak

Corry Goumans

Lewis Clarke

Andy Wells

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on September 8, 2005 at 5:15 PM at the Golder Associates Board Room, 500 - 4260 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby, BC.

Moved by Terry Matts, seconded by Corry Goumans, that the meeting be adjourned. Passed unanimous.