



**ISEE Western Canada**



# **Chapter**

## **International Society of Explosive Engineers**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

**September 8, 2005**

Held at the Pacific Blasting Boardroom, Burnaby BC

#### **Present:**

Gary Anderson  
Lewis Clarke  
Ron Elliott  
Corry Goumans  
Alastair Grogan  
Len Henke  
Stan Holtby  
Dave Hudak  
Paul Jeannotte  
Dave McConnach  
Ron Woolf  
Andy Wells  
Blaine Wright  
Allan Zdunich

#### **Regrets:**

Finn Conradsen  
John Fairley  
Daryl Fieber  
Garry Heringer  
Doug Kittle  
Gary Kreller  
Terry Matts  
Grant McGinnes  
Dale McLean  
Mike Osoko  
Scott Parker  
Naresh Prasad  
Dick Shaw  
Jerry Silva  
Troy Walker

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

Alastair Grogan reviewed the minutes of the last Board of Directors Meeting held on July 14, 2005. Moved by Stan Holtby, seconded by Ron Woolf 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 21, 22, 23, 2005 at the Ramada Hotel and Conference Centre  
11830 Kingsway  
Edmonton, Alberta  
T5G 0X5

Toll Free: 1-888-747-4114

Fax: (780) 488-8610

Web: [www.ramadaedmonton.com](http://www.ramadaedmonton.com)

Special conference room rate is \$89.00/night

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

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

- Chapter AGM Organizing Committee:

Committee Chairman – Dave Hudak

- Troy Walker troy@walkerholdings.com
- Mike Latimer mlatimer@inland.lehighcement.com
- Pat McLaughlin pmclaughlin@suncor.com

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## 2.1 Conference Technical Papers

- Alastair Grogan reported that a total of 10 abstracts have been received so far.

- Update on status of Conference Technical Papers:

- Doug Kittle will be presenting a paper
- Terry Matts has 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. Mike has declined.
- Terry Matts also 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.**
- Ron Elliott & Lewis Clarke will be doing a presentation on use of electronic detonators in explosive compaction work.
- Dave Hudak will do a presentation on use of satellite tracking of explosives in transport as well as security on remote explosives magazines.

## 2.2 Trade Show Booths Update

Ron Woolf volunteered to be Trade Show Chairman  
The fee for Trade Show Booths is set at \$200 per booth.

### Possible potential participants:

ETI Explosives will not have a booth  
Dyno Nobel Canada – Dave M. reported they would not have a booth  
Explosives Limited – Stan H. reported that they would have a booth  
Austin Powder – **Action Garry Heringer**  
Petroleum Industries Training Service – Dave Berte – **Action Dick Shaw**  
Instantel – Ron E. reported they have confirmed  
Thomas Engineering Ltd. – Ron E. reported they have confirmed  
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 – Corry G. reported they have confirmed  
Dywidag/Thiessen – **Action Gary Anderson to contact Paul Kreig**  
Micon – Ray – **Action Gary Anderson**  
Target Blasting Mats – Corry G. reported they have confirmed  
Sphere Drilling Supplies – Allan Zdunich confirmed  
Wip Ware Inc. – Tom Palangio regrets he has previous commitments  
MREL – Bill Bauer – **Action Terry Matts**  
ISEE – Ron Elliott reported they have confirmed Dede Manross will be there.  
Alberta Health & Welfare – Allan Yam – **Action Dick Shaw**  
Maple Leaf Powder – David Sly – **Action Terry Matts**  
Walkers Holdings – Dave H. reported they have confirmed  
HiEx – Blaine W. confirmed  
Stemlock – Ron W. reported they have confirmed  
Thunderbird Mining Systems – Ron W. said Jim Dawson has confirmed  
Leica Geosystems – may share a booth with Thunderbird?

- 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 at least 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-chairs 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 confirmed they will present.

- Use of Ikon Electronic Detonators, Orica Canada – Stan Holtby reported that Doug Mitchell has confirmed.
- Avalanche Guard System – Doug Wilson – MOT, Victoria Dick Shaw contacted them and we need to follow-up with a letter – **Action R. Elliott**
- Loading & Blasting of Deep Cut Blast Holes – BXL – Terry M. reported that BXL has declined.
- Use of Radio Remote Control Blasting System – Blaine Wright, HiEx has confirmed.
- Integration of Modern Blasting Tools – Laser Profiling, Bore Track, and High Speed Video in Solving Blasting Problems – Cam Thomas from TEC Engineering has confirmed.

## 2.4 Sponsorships

Mike Latimer was proposed to be in charge of sponsorships with everyone's help. **Action Mike Latimer**

Ron Woolf volunteered to put together a list of items that need sponsors and a price for each.

### 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 - has confirmed

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**

Agrium – **Action Blaine Wright**

AXA + other blasting insurance companies – **Action all** (Ron E. to contact AXA)

Thunderbird Mining Systems – Ron W. said they agreed to sponsor \$100

## 2.5 Other Issues

- Ron Woolf reported that the hotel requires us to send in a \$1000.00 deposit to hold our reservation. **Action Dave McConnach & Ron Woolf.** Ron also reported that the contract with the hotel has been signed and they may ask for pre-payment of the conference.
- Dave McConnach reported that we have a bank balance of approx. \$5700, so may need to get registrations in ASAP if we have to pre-pay the conference. Dave Hudak said we should encourage as many members as possible to register ASAP.
- Registrations for the conference, Trade Show Booths, Sponsorships, etc. are to be sent to Dave McConnach.
- Ron Elliott reported that Pacific Blasting would only handle VISA payments, no MasterCard.
- Stan Holtby has again volunteered to look after T-shirt sales this year.
- Dave Hudak and Lewis Clarke will be putting together a conference brochure and registration form. Dave needs to pull together all the required information as soon as possible. **Action All.**
- Ron Woolf reported that the hotel has asked if we plan on holding a dance on the Saturday evening. Ron told them we are interested in holding a Monte Carlo evening. They will look for contacts for us. **Ron W. to follow up.**
- Len Henke proposed we offer pre-conference field trips on the Friday. A discussion ensued and everyone thought that this would be a great addition to the conference. Suggested trips:
  - Site visit to Agrium Redwater facility to see how Ammonium Nitrate prill is manufactured. **Action Len Henke**
  - Site visit to the Highvale Coal Mine – this is an open pit strip coal operation. **Action Ron Woolf**

It was felt that we might have to charge a fee for the tours to cover any costs involved. Len suggested we could use our own vehicles to transport those who want to take the tours. This would save on hiring vans.

## 3.0 Certificate Program – Module #8

Alastair Grogan reported that Terry Matts has completed the work on Module #8 for the Certificate Training Program and has submitted the draft to Arlene at the ISEE for review.

## 4.0 WEB Page

Dave Hudak and Lewis Clarke reported that we would have a secure set up on 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.**

## 5.0 New Business

- Dave H. asked if Terry Matts could give a presentation on Module #8 of the Certificate Program at the “Blaster’s Forum”. **Action Terry Matts.**

- Ask Dede Manross from the ISEE to bring a selection of books, videos, etc. for sale at the conference. **Action Ron Elliott**
- Moved by Gary Anderson, seconded by Ron Woolf, that we invite Peter Hanley from the Explosives Regulatory Division to address the Blaster's Forum on upcoming changes to the explosives magazine regulations. Passed unanimous. Ron E. to send NRCan a letter of invitation. **Action Ron Elliott.** Dave H. mentioned that Peter is supposed to be in Vancouver on November 1<sup>st</sup> so he may prefer to meet with us then. Perhaps we could invite him to attend our Board Meeting?
- Ron Elliott mentioned that NRCan has proposed fee increases with the idea of recovering the cost of operation of the Explosives Regulatory Division from industry. Major increases in magazine licence fees are proposed. This is currently out for public comment. Ron felt that our Chapter should provide feedback. Dave H. mentioned that CEDEC has just had a meeting in PEI. They are now including industry members in their group. We should coordinate any response with them. Stan H. thought that we should have a representative of the Western Canada Chapter on the CEDEC Board to facilitate better communications between the two groups. Stan H. will check with Brian Taylor to see if this would be possible and find out the cost of membership. **Action Stan.** Ron E. proposed that we use our ISEE fee rebate from members who are members of the ISEE to cover this cost. This would mean that we have to get our Annual Report completed and submitted to the ISEE before March 30<sup>th</sup> each year. Dave H. suggested that we propose to have mutual members on each other's Boards and waive the fees. It was agreed that we should put this proposal to a vote of the membership at the Annual General Meeting.
- Gary A. has real concerns with the proposed explosives magazine regulations and is convinced most of the other construction blasting companies will have similar concerns. We need to find a way of expressing this to ERD on behalf of our membership. This should be discussed in the Blaster's Forum.
- Ron E. discussed the need for best industry practices guidelines to be followed for construction blasting in urban areas. There has been a rash of flyrock incidents in construction blasting that is giving the whole industry a bad name and may result in some municipalities calling for bans on blasting. Paul Jeannotte mentioned that the City of Langford has called for best industry practices to be put in place. Ron has discussed this with Dick Shaw at the WCB and he has offered their support to this concept. A discussion ensued and it was felt that the blasting insurance companies should be involved. It was agreed that we should follow up on this with our membership at the AGM.
- Ron Elliott encouraged everyone who has action items to follow through with their commitments.

## **6.0 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on October 6, 2005 at 5:15 PM at the Golder Associates Board Room, 500 - 4260 Still Creek Drive, Burnaby, BC.

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