



# ACPA NEWS

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### **Letter from the President**

**Kevin Dunn**

My, how time flies. Here we are in 1999, still working toward our legal recognition as Professional Chemists. Progress has been slow, but persistent. Your Board of Directors has finalized the Professional Chemists Regulation based on feedback from Alberta Labour and has resubmitted it for the final stages prior to having it put on the legislative agenda. We are getting close, very close.

We are pleased at the success of our Professional Development Seminar held in early February. "Defensible Data" was of interest to about 30 of your peers, who gained a lot of insight on the legal process, and got some good pointers on how to behave on the witness stand. This was our first seminar in what we intend to be a series of annual events. If you missed this one, you will have opportunities again in the future. Keep in mind that once we have our legal recognition, continuing professional development will be a requirement to maintain your status as a Professional Chemist. It is time to start thinking about how you intend

to continuously upgrade your skills.

Several of your peers addressed a large group of Chemistry and Environmental Sciences students at the University of Calgary. This Chemistry Careers Night was held in conjunction with the Calgary Section of the Chemical Institute of Canada. The students were greatly interested in what they must do to best position themselves to be employed upon graduation. Our thanks to all those who spared a little of their time to help out. It was greatly appreciated by the students.

If anyone has a position available for a chemistry graduate or summer student, please advise the University or your executive who will pass along the information. Lets help these future Professional Chemists get established.

Please note that our Annual General Meeting is fast approaching. Details on the venue and program can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. This is an ideal opportunity for you to come and find out who is on your executive and what they are doing for you as a Professional Chemist. Of

course, your input and feedback is always encouraged so that we may serve you better. For those of you who aspire to make your mark on the profession and contribute to your association, nominations for ACPA Directors are still open. We would welcome your ideas and contributions.

**Kevin Dunn, P.Chem.  
President, ACPA**

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### **Announcements**

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#### **Annual General Meeting**

The AGM will be held in Calgary May 29 at the Shell Research Facility at :  
3655-36 St NW.  
Registration will be at 1:30 with the meeting starting at 2:00. A tour of the facility will take place after the meeting. Dr. Dixon, who is the Director of the Environmental Sciences program at the U of C will be the guest speaker.

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## Treasurers Report

As of February 28 the ACPA had an unaudited balance is \$15,746.38.

The current operating costs of the association are very modest, with much of the work accomplished through volunteer efforts. Nonetheless, expenses are incurred. In 1998, the association income of \$3675.00 exceeded the expenditures of \$2897.53 in by \$777.47. While this is sufficient to meet the current obligations, it does not provide much cushion for unexpected expenses or for setup costs after registration under POARA (Professions and Occupational Associations Registration Act).

In planning for the future, the Board has taken two steps. One has been to raise the annual membership fees from \$25.00 to \$50.00. The other has been to organize professional seminars such as the one held in Calgary on February 4<sup>th</sup> of this year. This seminar was very successful both in terms of professional education and as a source of income. This event raised nearly \$5000.00 for the ACPA. Seminar expenses were covered by several generous sponsors (EnviroTest Laboratories, Matrix Solutions, Hewlett-Packard, Maxxam Analytics, Jacques Whitford

Environmental and NorWest Labs).

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## Registrars Report

Our current paid membership is 134. Our new members since July 1998 are:

Dr. Robert Micklethwaite  
Dr. Trent M. Parks  
Dr. Yvon Theriault  
Mr. Dean Barisow  
Mr. Stuart R. du Kamp  
Nick A. Maduck  
Mr. Devon M. Rowe  
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Ms. Vicky van der Merwe  
Dr. Yvon Theriault  
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Mrs. Tasneem Jivraj  
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To convert from a provisional member to a full member all you require is a photocopy of your transcript or degree. This can be certified by any full member who knows you.

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## Lost Sheep

We have lost all track of the following members. If you have any information, please let the ACPA know so we can update the member records.

Mr. Graham A. Fogg  
Ms. Erica Skoko-Bendig

Mr. Ross P. Thurston  
Mr. Kevin C. Taylor  
Mr. Paul M. Kelly  
Dr. Amal W. Wahhab  
Dr. Milan Ralitsch  
Ms. Diana I. Kim  
Dr. Joseph K. Liu  
Mr. George W. Ruddock  
Mr. Archie Foster Leung  
Dr. Dayan B. Goodnough  
Dr. Alfred M. Saffa

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## From the Editors

All contributions from members to the newsletter will be welcome. Please send them to Robert Swingle at Maxxam Analytics 2021-41 Avenue N. E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 6P2 or fax them to 403-2919468. If you prefer electronic mail address them to the internet at [roberts@internode.net](mailto:roberts@internode.net). It would be nice if you could send any lengthy material on disk in PC format using Microsoft Word.

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